

**VOTE!****Ousted MPs have good pension plan**

**ELECTION** Retired Halifax MP Alexa McDonough should get a pension worth \$73,017 a year, according to the Canadian Taxpayers' Federation. Defeated Liberal MP Robert Thibeault should get a \$77,700 severance payment before his pension kicks in, the federation estimates.

Thibeault will only qualify for a \$43,131 annual pension when he turns 55. His severance should be half of his salary as a Liberal MP, says Adam Taylor, the federation's national research director.

Pension and severance figures aren't publicly released. The Canadian Taxpayers' Federation calculates them based on MP's salary figures and the number of years they've served in Parliament.

Taylor said most Canadians have pension plans that match their contributions dollar for dollar. The MP plan puts in \$4 for every dollar contributed.

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HRM election

**Candidates make final preparations**

Mayor Peter Kelly, left, and his re-election campaign co-chair Stephen Taylor look at the web page hits on Kelly's website at their campaign headquarters last night. Polls are open for the municipal election this Saturday. **Story, page 3**

Regulated gas here to stay, service minister says

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**PUMP PRICES** As gas prices continue to tumble, the government plans to stick with regulation.

In P.E.I., gas prices dropped by more than 10 cents per litre Wednesday as oil prices dipped below \$80 per barrel.

Prices kept falling yesterday, but Nova Scotia will have to wait a bit longer to see the change at the pump.

Under regulation, prices only change at set times, so consumers have to wait for prices to go down, but have warning time to fill up before they spike.

**"Compared to the other prices in Atlantic Canada... for the last couple weeks we've been selling gas cheaper."**

Jamie Muir

"If you take a look at the last month our prices compared to the other prices in Atlantic Canada... for the last couple weeks we've been selling gas cheaper," said Service Nova Scotia minister Jamie Muir.

"The number of closing stations have certainly diminished. Retailers margins are protected, those that are locked into regulation."

The firm Gardner Pinfold is studying how effective regulation has been and will issue a report to the province at the end of the month.

**Waiting on Dion**

Some Liberals say leader should step down sooner rather than later

**The Liberal Party is waiting nervously to see how and when Stéphane Dion will respond to the overwhelming conviction among party members that he should step down in the wake of Tuesday's election loss.**

Insiders had been expecting Dion, who took the disappointing Liberal showing very hard, to announce right away his intention to step down as leader.

But Dion remained out of the public eye yesterday, consulting advisers and numerous colleagues about his future. It may be several more days before he holds a post-election press conference, Liberals said.

One factor in Dion's decision could be the \$230,000

debt he carries from his leadership run in 2006 and the fear that if he's no longer leader, it will be tough to raise the cash needed to pay it off.

There was speculation that arrangements for the party to help him pay down that debt could be an issue in any discussions with party officials about how Dion might make his exit.

While most party members said

Dion deserves a bit of time before he makes an announcement, the prevailing mood is that he'll have to step aside, after watching the Liberals lose 19 seats on Tuesday.

"He was entitled to his kick at the can and he's had it — end of story," said Liberal MP John McKay.

He said if Dion, 53, tried to stay on as leader he'd have trouble controlling those in the caucus who, like him, would say "the party's more important than you are."

Toronto Liberal MP Joe Volpe said yesterday that Dion "deserves the right to

make his decision in his own time," but he urged the leader to begin the process for a leadership convention as quickly as party rules permit.

"The circumstances being what they are, I think that the best thing that could happen for the party and indeed for Mr. Dion is that he gives a signal as early as possible," Volpe said on CTV's Mike Duffy Live.

"He deserves the respect of not being told what he must do but there are also political laws of gravity... it is a very difficult spot," said Liberal strategist Scott Reid.

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Stéphane Dion

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## Travel numbers slip slightly

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# Local

## Candidates still fighting

Kelly, Fougere, Boyd won't stop wooing until election day

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**Halifax's three mayoral candidates were working overtime yesterday, spending hours debating each other on local talk shows, trying to sway a few more voters before tomorrow's ballot.**

"I'm still going door to door," Mayor Peter Kelly said. "It's not over yet."

Kelly said there hasn't been a single issue dominating this election, but transportation seems to be on everyone's mind. He said there has to be a transit strategy for all the outlying areas of the municipality, and people need access to the downtown core.

"We have to find a way to do that as quickly as possible," he said.

Sheila Fougere said transportation and quality of life are big issues, but this election should be about leadership.

"I think we are lacking in that regard and I have 10 good solid years of experience, not in the leader's chair, but taking a leadership role in many things," Fougere said.

She also urged voters to get out for the school board elections, which have been largely overlooked.

David Boyd, the only candidate without a council seat, said the city needs



Halifax mayoral candidate Sheila Fougere and her husband Joe knock on some doors in their neighbourhood on Wednesday night.

### Election details

Ready for another election? HRM residents will head back to the polls on Saturday, Oct. 18 to choose their mayor, councillor and school board:

- Polls open at 8 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.
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to change its approach on crime, transportation and other issues.

"There's no easy solutions but if we don't have

fore voting.

- Councillors have already been acclaimed in Dartmouth Centre, East Dartmouth-The Lakes, Portland-East Woodlawn and Fairview-Clayton Park. Residents can still vote for mayor and school board.
- Polling locations, district maps, and other information is available at [www.halifax.ca/election](http://www.halifax.ca/election).

change we'll never find the solutions," Boyd said.

The candidate said his calls for more strip clubs and casinos at the begin-

ning of the campaign were taken out of context.

"We're totally against adult entertainment and that sort of thing," he said. "We see problems out there with drugs being involved and no safe area for that."

Boyd said he would bring forward legislation to zone strip clubs in one designated area away from residential zones. He'd also like to see a way to collect tax if such establishments are opened.

For election night coverage, visit [www.metronews.ca/](http://www.metronews.ca/)

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## Justice Minister aims to toughen DUI sentences

**LEGISLATION** Drunk driving sentences in Nova Scotia are going to get a lot tougher if the Justice Minister has his way.

"We're drafting legislation for the fall session of the house," Cecil Clarke said yesterday. "(It) will deal with more enforcement pieces around drunk driving and dealing with that in a more serious manner."

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Clarke's comments come after a Nova Scotia woman was given a \$1,500 fine and probation for crashing her car with a blood alcohol content four times the legal limit. She had two children in the vehicle.

Clarke said higher blood alcohol levels will mean tougher sentences, under the new legislation.

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## Expert predicting low voter turnout

**BALLOT** The federal election had the lowest turnout on record, and four councillors are already acclaimed, causing concerns about tomorrow's municipal vote.

Retired political science professor David Cameron said 40 per cent of voters usually show up. He expects about the same this year.

"The electronic poll may spike that a little bit," Cameron said. "It may mean the personal paper vote may be lower. It also could mean those are people who wouldn't have gotten out to vote."

Cameron expects Sheila Fougere to be strong on Halifax's peninsula, with Peter Kelly's support in other communities.

Three of the four acclaimed councilors are in

Dartmouth.

"I would certainly be misleading if I said I was not concerned with the four acclamations," said Kelly said.

"For us it's trying to entice more, that's why we went with the electronic voting."

Sheila Fougere said there was a high turnout in the advance and electronic polls. She's been letting people know the only way they can make a difference is to vote.

"All I can do is do my best to get people out," she said.

David Boyd said voting is on people's minds now and he expects a strong percentage to cast ballots.

"We're going to probably have a better record than the federal (election)," he said.

**DEVIN STEVENS/**

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## Halloween safety **Pumpkin Patrol**



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Const. Shaun Carvery, Erica Munn from News 95.7 and Holly Jewers, a Grade 4 student at St. Pat's-Alexandra School carve a pumpkin for a contest at the Halifax Regional Police headquarters yesterday morning. Rogers has partnered with Halifax Regional Police to offer the Rogers Pumpkin Patrol Halloween Safety Program to elementary schools across HRM.

## Brownies, meat clinch it

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**The younger boy wonder's homework assignment said "write a paragraph about your favourite relative."**

It's no-brainer, right? "So you could write something like "my mother is my favourite-ever relative," I suggested.

"The teacher has already gone over this," said my last-born, trying not to talk about homework.

"And besides," he continued, "it's not even due till Friday."

It was Wednesday. Obviously he carries on the MacDonald child tradition of not starting homework till the last possible minute.

"Yes, but if you started it today, and you wrote 'my

mother is my favourite-ever relative', you would have extra time to write down all the wonderful reasons why I am your favourite relative," I prompt. Gosh, was I being too subtle?

"We only have to write five to eight paragraphs," he shrugged. "That's easy."

My eyes almost well up with tears. (I really only get emotional when someone else does the dishes.) But still, here was my baby boy, casually saying he could easily write five to eight paragraphs about all my wonderful qualities and how I...

"WAIT," he interrupts my Kodak moment. "It's not paragraphs, it's sentences. I only have to write five to eight sentences."

"OK. I can live with that. "Go do it now, please," I said, confident the combination of my many parenting successes and the 347 how-to-raise-your-child books I've read would give him tons of wonderful qualities to write about. Five

minutes later he was back. "You're done?"

"Yeah, it was easy," he shrugged. Awww. It's easy when you have a fabulous mom, right? No, it's easy when you write five sentences, the least possible he could get away with — another MacDonald child tradition.

Here is what he wrote:

"My favourite relative, above all, would be my mother. She is very nice, and doesn't get mad at us a lot. She gives me things if I am good at school, finish chores and get my work done. Most importantly she feeds me wonderful homemade food like soup, shepherd's pie, regular pie, muffins, stew, all kinds of meat-related meals, and best of all her brownies! All in all, my mom is a wonderful mother."

There you have it, my parenting tips revealed: Bribery and meat-related meals. Hmmm, wonder if I can swing my own book deal out of that?

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# Province in good shape, says premier

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**Nova Scotia may need to "get creative" to avoid going into debt, Rodney MacDonald said yesterday.**

The premier said he believes Nova Scotia is better off than some provinces, but global financial insecurity will still have an impact. But he insists we will not go into debt.

"We will not have a deficit in Nova Scotia. If that means tightening our belts, if that means being creative in what we have to do to ensure that we not only balance our books but keep the debt from growing, that's what I'm prepared to do," said MacDonald.



He said the province won't know how badly it's been affected for another six to eight months, near the end of the fiscal year. In the meantime, MacDonald and Finance Minister Michael Baker will head to Quebec Monday for a meeting with other premiers.

Among the things he plans to discuss are the impact of failing Icelandic banks and how people's pensions will suffer from crashing stock markets.

But he said the ministers should work together for

**"We will not have a deficit ... If that means tightening our belts, if that means being creative..."**

Premier  
Rodney  
MacDonald

Canada-wide solutions rather than focusing on just the provinces.

"This is a long-term issue. It's something that's going to take a great deal of discussion. I'm hoping that on Monday we can leave those meetings with a general consensus on what we want to be putting forward to the prime minister," said MacDonald.

Nova Scotia's last budget update was in late August. At the time, Nova Scotia was \$166 million above budget. But even then, the finance minister warned the number would come down due to gas prices.

Despite warning of possible spending cuts, MacDonald said yesterday the province is still in good shape.

"The minister of finance and his staff have done a tremendous job making sure that our foreign exposure on our debt has not only been reduced but eliminated," said MacDonald.

"That has saved this province a great deal of money."

## Halifax search ends in charges

Two men are facing drug charges after Halifax Regional Police and RCMP seized marijuana plants and grow equipment at two Halifax homes Wednesday night.

Police searched homes at Bridget Avenue and Har-

lington Crescent and found plants worth a total of \$46,000.

The men, aged 51 and 47, have been charged in relation to the Harlington Crescent search. Police expect to lay charges in the other search as well. **METRO HALIFAX**

## News in brief

**HONORARY DEGREES** Dalhousie University is awarding honorary doctor of laws degrees this weekend to Peter Dalglish, Bishop Sue Moxley and Irving Schwartz. Dalglish is founder of Street Kids International; Moxley is one of three female bishops in the Anglican church and Schwartz is a well-known entrepreneur.

**TRAFFICKING CHARGES** Halifax police seized marijuana from a car, a Horizon Court apartment and a Dartmouth stor-

age unit Wednesday night at 10:30 p.m. Three men — a 27-year-old from Dartmouth, a 27-year-old from Bedford and a 24-year-old from Brampton, Ont. — were charged with trafficking.

**CHESTER** RCMP searched two Chester homes on Wednesday, finding cash, a total of seven kilograms of marijuana bud, scales and other drug paraphernalia. Three men, aged 40, 32 and 50, have been charged. **METRO HALIFAX**



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The province's African Nova Scotian Affairs office is holding information sessions next week to talk about its future plans. Meetings will be held in Beechville, Halifax and Dartmouth from Oct. 21-23. For more information, go to [www.gov.ns.ca/ansa](http://www.gov.ns.ca/ansa). METRO HALIFAX

## Casey also won café tip vote

**TRURO** A vote by patrons at a downtown Truro café reflected that of constituents in Cumberland Colchester Musquodoboit Valley. Independent Bill Casey garnered \$229.20, while the Conservatives had \$152.13, followed by the NDP (\$130.91), the Greens (\$90.62) and the Liberals (\$88.23).

Café patrons voted for the party or candidate with their tip money. At the end of the shift, the money was counted before being divided up among the staff. Casey won Tuesday's federal election in Cumberland Colchester Musquodoboit Valley with 69 per cent of the vote.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Gambling down: Study

Group disputes problem has gotten better

DEVIN STEVENS  
for Metro Halifax



**A new government study says problem gambling is down in Nova Scotia, but one anti-gambling group isn't buying the province's numbers.**

"It really hasn't been reduced," said Debbie Langille, spokeswoman for Gameovervlts.com.

"A gambler becomes a very good liar ... (Researchers) try to get out to the general public with their phone calls, but how many (addicts) are telling

the truth?"

Surveyors called 2,500 people in the fall of 2007. The report says gambling causes 6.1 per cent of Nova Scotians problems with their finances and family relationships, while 2.5 per cent are considered problem gamblers.

In a news release, Health Promotion and Protection Minister, Barry Barnett, said he's still concerned.

"We have a provincial gaming strategy and we're working on many initiatives to reduce the harm gambling brings to these individuals and their families,"

**"We're working on many initiatives to reduce the harm gambling brings to these individuals and their families."**

Barry Barnett,  
Health Minister

lies," he said.

Langille said the bulk of government money goes to preventing gambling problems. She said there aren't enough programs people who are already addicted.



Justice Minister Cecil Clarke, left, talks with Halifax Police Chief Frank Beazley yesterday. Clarke announced that 45 new police officers will be hired during the next year.

## Justice minister says more cops will be on the streets

DEVIN STEVENS  
for Metro Halifax

move will cost \$4.9 million and is part of the province's pledge to add 250 officers by 2011.

**FUNDING** Nova Scotia's Justice Minister is putting more cops on the streets — and he's doing it sooner than expected.

"People want to see more police officers on the streets and that's happening," Clarke said.

"We know what's working well, so we are committing the resources to speed up the planning work to prevent crimes of concern to Nova Scotians."

Forty-five more officers will be hired next year, up from the planned 20. The

move will cost \$4.9 million and is part of the province's pledge to add 250 officers by 2011.

More officers will be dedicated to serving First Nation communities, four new officers will be coming to Halifax, with three more positions created to fight drug crime in Cape Breton.

A new impaired driving unit will also be created in northern Nova Scotia. That's a move the president of the province's Chiefs of Police Association welcomes.

"It's going to be such a boost to us all," said Chief Gary Copeland. "It's bottom line, it's going to save lives."

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# Decriminalize sex work, group argues

Sex Professionals of Canada plans a constitutional challenge to country's sex laws

JON TATTRIE  
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ization of sex work last night, arguing the current system exposes sex workers to violence.

The head of the Sex Professionals of Canada called for the decriminal-

Valerie Scott, speaking at a packed Stepping Stone meeting at the Italian Cul-

tural Centre in Halifax, said SPOC is launching a constitutional challenge to remove the laws used to prosecute sex workers.

"It is the laws that make prostitution a violent occupation," Scott said. "I've been in sex work for many a year, and it can be a very good job. It need not be in the gutter, it need not be violent."

Selling sex is a federal matter in Canada and it is legal, but it's illegal to live off the avails of such work, to solicit for sex work, or to run a "common bawdy house."

Scott looked to New Zealand and parts of Australia, where sex work has been decriminalized.

"It's a different world over there," she said. Sex workers are protected by the police and courts, not prosecuted. She did not advocate legalization, which could lead to a costly licensing system and forced health checks. Decriminalized, sex workers would operate like any other small business, including paying taxes.

Rene Ross, the executive director of Stepping Stone, a non-profit organization that supports individuals involved in the sex trade, hosted An Evening with Valerie Scott last night. Scott is the head of the Sex Professionals of Canada, a group seeking to challenge Canada's laws related to the sex trade.

"(Sex work) has been here for eons, and it's staying," Scott said. "People are afraid if it's decriminalized, there will be a brothel next door and naked women on the lawn. It's not like that."

She said many women quietly sell sex out of their apartments and nobody has a clue.

"There is already a brothel on your block; you just don't know about it," Scott said. "We are your family — your daughters, your sisters, your mothers. Just because someone may have a moral problem with the commercialization of sex is not reason enough to make us a social punching bag."



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# Board reserves decision on human rights complaints

Three women who filed human rights complaints against the Town of Truro six years ago are going to have to wait a little bit longer for a decision on their case.

An independent board of inquiry heard from lawyers representing the town, the Police Association of Nova Scotia (PANS) and the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission (NSHRC) yesterday morning.

The board was trying to determine whether the case should be considered by the NSHRC, and if so, whether PANS should be added as a respondent to

**"We were told it can be a lengthy process, but I guess we didn't expect it to take this amount of time."**

Valerie Munroe

the complaint.

However, at the end of the day, the board decided to reserve its decision and announce it at a later, unannounced date.

The whole process has been frustrating for those involved, said complainant Valerie Munroe.

"I guess we didn't realize it would take this long," she said. "I mean, we were told it can be a lengthy process, but I guess we didn't expect it to take this

amount of time.

"But we've stayed the course, and if you think you're right about something, it's a challenge to go ahead with it."

Munroe, along with fellow complainants Janice MacDonald and Debbie Reid, are all civilian employees of the Truro Police Service.

Their original complaint claimed that male employees with fewer years of service, lower job skills

and less experience were being paid more than they were.

All three, who have been working for the town between 16 and 31 years, use the same example of a male custodian who made more than they did at the time of the complaint in 2002.

The lawyer representing the town is surmising that pay equity is not a human right under the law in Nova Scotia as it is in other parts of the country; instead, it is a labour board issue, and NSHRC has no jurisdiction over the case.

COLIN MACLEAN/  
THE TRURO DAILY NEWS

## News in brief

**SMALL BUSINESS** A new survey released by American Express Canada indicates that Canadian small businesses are not taking drastic action to change

their business plans or operations in the wake of current economic turmoil. The findings show that three-quarters of these business owners

say they'll "stay the course."

**TRAVEL** Canadians made nearly 4.5 million trips abroad in August, up 3.5 per cent from

July, and the highest level this year. Of those, more than 3.8 million trips were to the United States, also the highest level this year.

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## Recount ordered in Vancouver riding

Elections Canada has ordered a judicial recount of votes in the riding of Vancouver South, where incumbent Liberal MP Ujjal Dosanjh won a close race on Tuesday's federal election. The difference between the two leading candidates was officially 33 votes. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

# Canada



## Frankie Venom dead

Frank Kerr, lead singer of the Hamilton punk band Teenage Head, died yesterday of cancer. Kerr, better known as Frankie Venom, was 52. Teenage Head started in 1975 at Hamilton's Westdale high school. Last year, its records Teenage Head and Frantic City were included in a list of 100 of the top Canadian albums of all time by a panel of 500 experts.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Legalize tent cities: Group

MARIA COOTAUCO  
for Metro Canada

**With homeless people outnumbering shelters two to one in Vancouver, local groups are urging the city to overturn a bylaw that prevents people from putting up a shelter on public property.**

It happened earlier this week in Victoria when a judge found the bylaw unconstitutional because it deprived people of their rights to life, liberty and security of person.

The ruling could have heavy consequences for Vancouver's parks, beaches and tourism. Could a tent city turn up in Stanley Park?

"(The bylaw) absolutely is good for the parks," said Vancouver Park Board chair Korina Houghton.



Jeff Crawford, 32, camps out in front of Vancouver City Hall yesterday. He said he's doing it to gain the right for the homeless, like himself, to camp in public parks after the B.C. Supreme Court ruled in favour of tent cities in Victoria.

"That is not the purpose of our parks — they're not campgrounds."

But to some, bringing the ruling to Vancouver is

an urgent priority.

"People are at risk of hypothermia and other life-threatening conditions when they have to sleep

outside with no shelter," said Laura Track, a lawyer with Pivot Legal Society.

In the next few weeks, Pivot will be launching a case to prove that the same Charter rights enforced in Victoria apply here.

Yesterday, a social justice group called Streams of Justice camped out on the front lawn of Vancouver's City Hall to bring attention to the issue.

"People seem like they can be pretty comfortable with 1,500 homeless people in Vancouver as long as they're not that visible," said group spokesman Dave Diewert. "Once you start to see tents popping up all over the place in very inconvenient places, it becomes the rupture of the status quo and it says we've got to really deal with this."

**MILESTONE** In the sometimes troubled relations between Canada, France and Quebec, today

will mark another milestone when Nicolas Sarkozy becomes the first French president to address the province's National Assembly.

Sarkozy arrives this morning in Quebec City, where he will meet Prime Minister Stephen Harper and attend the opening of the summit of La Francophonie, an organization of 55 French-

speaking states and governments.

Sarkozy's visit to the Assembly, where he is expected to underscore France's "direct and privileged relations" with Quebec, has been remarkable in that it has not raised eyebrows.

Unlike past French leaders, Sarkozy has made it clear that while he appreciates deep ties with Quebec, he is looking through a Canada-focused lens.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## Walkerton residents find closure with health report

**WATER** For the residents of Walkerton, Ont., the presentation of an extensive health study at the community town hall meeting last night was the final chapter in an ordeal that began more than eight years ago.

Last night, a group of doctors from the London Health Sciences Centre presented the findings of the seven-year study, the most extensive study of its kind, to the community in the eighth and final town hall meeting.

"Our study spanned over seven long years. It was both intrusive and invasive to the community," said Dr. Bill Clark, one of the main authors of the report.

"Their participation not

### Background

• In May 2000, the rural Ontario town's water supply became contaminated with E. coli from manure spread on a nearby farm, setting off Canada's most serious water con-

tamination case. More than 2,000 residents suffered gastrointestinal illnesses from drinking the tainted water. Sixty-five people were hospitalized and seven died.

only resulted in significantly better outcomes for their community, but for communities throughout the world, affected by water contamination," he said.

More than 4,500 residents participated in the study that probed, prodded and monitored the community to detect increased incidences of chronic diseases such as diabetes, hy-

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

### News in brief

**TRIAL** Former minor hockey coach and National Hockey League agent David Frost's trial for sexual exploitation will include evidence of how he bullied and mistreated his teenaged players on the ice and in the dressing room, a judge ruled yesterday. Justice Geoffrey Griffin also ruled he would allow the names of several witnesses to be published.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

### RCMP investigating bomb blast

**Pipeline** The RCMP is investigating after a bomb blast was discovered along a gas pipeline in northeastern British Columbia near the Alberta border yesterday morning, the second in less than a week.

It follows an explosion at another section of the natural gas pipeline on Saturday.

The pipeline, owned by

Calgary energy company EnCana, was damaged by the blast but did not rupture. Technicians were able to quickly contain a leak.

The blast was discovered around 9 a.m. by pipeline workers at the site, about 50 kilometres southeast of Dawson Creek, near the Alberta border, a remote and isolated area.

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**Milkshake study reveals brain's role in obesity**



## Early payout on Obama win

Paddy Power, Ireland's biggest bookmaker, said yesterday it would pay out more than 1 million euros on bets that Barack Obama will be the next U.S. president, three weeks before the election. The betting trend had shown "one-way traffic," with odds for Obama's win at 1-9. **REUTERS**

# World

## Afghan plan review delayed

**A U.S. government review of strategy for the war in Afghanistan has been delayed and will likely not be completed until after next month's presidential election, the Pentagon said yesterday.**

Alarmed by rising levels of insurgent violence in Afghanistan, the Bush administration began a review in September of all aspects of its policies in Afghanistan and suggested results could come by the end of this month.

But Pentagon press sec-

retary Geoff Morrell said the National Security Council review was taking longer than expected.

"This is a major issue ... We want to make sure that we fashion the best strategy to hand off to a succeeding administration," he said.

The U.S. military's Joint Staff is also reviewing strategy for Afghanistan and Pakistan, as is Gen. David Petraeus, the former U.S. commander in Iraq who soon takes charge of U.S. forces across the Mid-

### Petraeus gears up for aid efforts

- U.S. Gen. David Petraeus, who is credited with helping save Iraq from civil war, met International Monetary Fund and World Bank representatives last week in preparation for new efforts in Afghanistan

dle East and into Central and South Asia.

Ultimately it will be up to the next U.S. president to take stock of the reviews and decide on an overall policy.

and Pakistan. The move, unusual for a military commander, underscores the Pentagon's emphasis on unifying military, economic, political and diplomatic aid to help the two countries.

Violence in Afghanistan is at its highest level since U.S.-led forces toppled hard-line Taliban Islamist rulers after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the United States. **REUTERS**

## Doctors warn of cellphone rashes

**HEALTH** Doctors baffled by an unexplained rash on people's ears or cheeks should be on alert for a skin allergy caused by too much cellphone use, the British Association of Dermatologists said yesterday.

Citing published studies, the group said a red or itchy rash, known as "mobile phone dermatitis," affects people who develop an allergic reaction to the nickel surface on mobile phones after spending long periods of time on the devices.

Nickel is a metal found in products ranging from cellphones to jewelry to belt buckles and is one of the most common causes of allergic contact dermatitis, according to the Mayo Clinic in the United States. **REUTERS**

## Air temperatures hit record levels

**ARCTIC** Fall air temperatures have climbed to record levels in the Arctic due to major losses of sea ice as the region suffers more effects from a warming trend dating back decades, a report released yesterday showed.

The annual report issued by researchers at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and other experts found that fall air temperatures are at a record 5°C above normal in the Arctic because of the major loss of sea ice in recent years that allows more solar heating of the ocean. **REUTERS**

### Election Independent's day



Supporters of independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader participate in a rally on Wall Street in New York yesterday. Nader and running mate Matt Gonzalez are on the bill in 45 states, including California and New York.

## Market crisis eclipsing hunger, activists say

**FOOD** The world's leading crusaders against hunger voiced frustration on World Food Day yesterday that the financial crisis had overshadowed a food crisis tipping millions toward starvation.

The World Bank predicts that high food

and fuel prices "The media have highlighted the financial crisis at the expense of the food crisis."

year to a total Jacques Diouf of 967 million.

Economists have also warned that the world's poor would be the most vulnerable to a global economic downturn.

"The media have highlighted the financial crisis at the expense of the food crisis," said Jacques Diouf, head of the UN's Food and

Agriculture Organization in Rome. The World Food Programme's executive director Josette Sheeran said that even those in wealthy countries had been affected by food prices and the market crisis.

"But for those who live on less than a dollar a day, it's a matter of life and death," Sheeran said.

Propponents of more urgent

measures questioned why rich nations could not show the same urgency to save people from starvation as they did when rescuing banks.

Prices of wheat, rice, and other staples in the developing world have skyrocketed this year. **REUTERS**

## China to help ailing Pakistan

**LOAN** Premier Wen Jiabao pledged to help Pakistan overcome its economic troubles, Chinese state media said yesterday, although details of the assistance were not disclosed.

Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari was expected to seek \$500 million US or more in soft loans from its neighbour.

Wen said the countries were ready to advance their strategic relationship, a day after Zardari and Chinese President Hu Jintao signed 11 agreements on trade and economic cooperation.

"That Zardari would choose China as his first

### Financial woes

• Pakistan is facing a critical shortfall in its balance of payments, along with inflation at close to 25 per cent and heavy government borrowing from the central bank to cover a budget deficit. Analysts say the country desperately needs \$3 to \$4 billion US.

country to visit as president shows the high emphasis he places on developing friendly, co-operative Sino-Pakistani relations," Wen was quoted as saying by Xinhua. **REUTERS**

## 'Joe the plumber' not licensed

**ELECTION** After John McCain and Barack Obama made him the most famous plumber in America, it turns out Joe Wurzelbacher isn't a licensed plumber after all.

The day after he was unexpectedly invoked as the typical American everyman in the final U.S. presidential debate, Samuel (Joe) Wurzelbacher of Holland, Ohio, found himself at the center of a media frenzy.

But the Association of Plumbers, Steamfitters and

Service Mechanics has revealed that Wurzelbacher had not taken the training course that allows him to sit a licensing test.

Wurzelbacher has become a darling of conservatives for attacking Obama's tax policies, but he has declined to say who he will vote for.

"It's a personal decision, and myself and the button I push will know the answer," the single father said on ABC's Good Morning America program. **REUTERS**

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Peru **Moms for milk**

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A member of the "Mothers of the Glass of Milk Program" shouts during a demonstration against the Peruvian government in Lima yesterday. Members of the program, which gives poor families money to buy milk for children, were protesting the government's proposed budget cuts for the initiative.

## Trade deal vital: Bush

**U.S. President George W. Bush pressed Congress yesterday to approve a free trade pact with Colombia, one day after Republican presidential candidate John McCain went after his Democratic opponent Barack Obama for opposing the pact.**

"Congress is coming back to Washington next month.

One of the top priorities should be to approve this vital agreement with Colombia as well as (other trade pacts) with Panama and South Korea," Bush said.

His words reinforced McCain's attempt to paint Obama as hostile to free trade during Wednesday's debate.

McCain argued the pact will bolster ties with an im-

portant regional ally "helping us try to stop the flow of drugs into our country that's killing young Americans," while levelling the playing field for U.S. goods.

Obama insisted he supports free trade, but was critical of the notion that "any trade agreement is a good trade agreement."

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## 6.5 quake rocks Central America

**MEXICO** A strong 6.5-magnitude earthquake struck in the Pacific near the Mexico-Guatemala border yesterday, but there was no tsunami alert and no initial reports of casualties. The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake was centred 40 km southwest of Tapachula, Mexico, on the border with Guatemala, with a depth of about 76 km.

"Fortunately, no victims or damage has been reported in the city or the rural area," said civil protection official Herbert Schoeder in Tapachula, where people ran out on the streets in alarm as buildings shook.

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### News in brief

**DRUGS** Peru's prime minister, trying to silence critics who say he will be soft on terror, flew yesterday to a coca-growing region, where suspected guerrillas have killed 15 soldiers

this past week. Coca is the raw ingredient in cocaine.

**CUBA** Oil officials said yesterday that Cuba may have more than 20 billion barrels of recoverable oil in its offshore fields,

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**Republican denies false financial disclosure**

Ted Stevens, the veteran Republican senator from Alaska on trial for corruption, denied in court yesterday that he ever tried to hide gifts by filing false financial disclosure forms. Stevens, 84, is alleged to have concealed more than \$250,000 US in gifts. **REUTERS**

# US 'snowbirds' set to vote in election

**In a cobblestone Mexican town a world away from Washington, election fever is tearing American retirees away from quilt-making and bridge games as they scramble to mail home presidential ballots.**

Thousands of retired U.S. citizens who live year-

round in Mexico, and the "snowbirds" who come south for the winter, have formed cozy communities in out-of-the-way places like Ajijic, set on a misty lake ringed by lush green hills near the western city of Guadalajara.

Fascinated by the fren-

zied debate playing out back home over who could best lead their country out of the worst financial crisis in decades and the war in Iraq, even the most apathetic are lining up to mail in absentee ballots.

"I've never voted before in my life, but I feel very

strongly now that I have to. Everyone used to look up to the United States, but our image is badly degraded," said painter Sherie Soureliis, 64, clutching her completed ballot.

"We've never seen such a dramatic election. It's thrilling," said expat voter

Day Dobbert, 76.

Overseas voters realized their weight after mail-in votes helped decide the disputed Florida state result and the national election in 2000.

Many see the fierce battle between Democrat Sen. Barack Obama and Repub-

lican Sen. John McCain firing up more expats to vote than ever. Nineteen days before the Nov. 4 election, Obama, who leads in opinion polls and in many battleground states, warned Democrats yesterday in New York to guard against overconfidence. **REUTERS**



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Playboy Enterprises Inc. will take a number of steps to save \$12 million US a year, including closing its DVD business to focus on selling digital content online, the company said Wednesday. It noted its television, online and mobile arms are strong. **REUTERS**

# Business

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## Canada buys \$5B in mortgages from banks

The Canadian government bought \$5 billion of mortgages from financial institutions yesterday, giving them more cash to make loans and try to overcome the severe constraints in global credit markets.

Ottawa, acting through government-run Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. (CMHC), plans to buy up to \$25 billion in the securities, which mature in five years. The aim is to help banks raise longer-term funding, which has been expensive recently, so that they can make more loans available to businesses and consumers.

The newly re-elected Conservatives have vowed not to spend more of taxpayers' money in helping banks and, in fact, may stand to make a profit as it designed the auction so

### Today's markets

The S&P/TSX composite index closed down 53.88 points, or 0.58 per cent, at 9,269.97. Earlier in the day the index tumbled 562.83 points, or 6 per cent, its lowest in four years.

that the return on its investment will be higher than its borrowing cost.

The average yield on the auction was 4.241 per cent, with a high yield of 4.679 per cent and a low yield of 4.041 per cent.

CMHC did not say which institutions offloaded the mortgages from their balance sheets or how much was offered in total. **REUTERS**

 Confused about the TSX's wild day? Find out what happened at metronews.ca/canada

## Ukraine Feds ask for help



A woman walks with her son past a currency exchange office in central Kiev yesterday. Ukraine's government and the International Monetary Fund were locked in talks yesterday to agree on a package of remedies to cushion Ukraine's economy from the world financial crisis.

## Ontario wind farm cancelled

**POWER** A \$300-million wind farm planned near the town of Goderich has been cancelled three years after the developer, EPCOR Utilities Inc., was selected, becoming the province's second planned facility to be cancelled due to red tape.

EPCOR said that waiting for provincial and municipal approvals and regulatory uncertainty made it impossible to build the 160-megawatt, 70-turbine farm capable of generating power for 50,000 homes.

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tents auctioned off and the windows removed. By next spring, the town hopes to have a roundabout in place, providing access to Highway 104 at Exit 24, the business park and the town.

**Mature workers ignored:** Most employers are not targeting mature workers with specific policies and programs, according to the Conference Board. Despite many respondents' concerns about aging of the workforce, only 6 per cent said they are focusing on retaining mature workers, while 11 per cent indicated they are actively focused on attracting and recruiting mature workers.

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## THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

### Quark and Viaera team up:

Quark Engineering and Development, an R&D service company in Halifax, has announced its recent partnership with Viaera Systems, LLC of Media, Pa., and its membership in the International RFID Business Association, a not-for-profit educational trade association.

### Heather Hotel in last days:

The Heather Hotel, a staple of Pictou County's business sector, should be demolished in the next couple of weeks after owner George La Fleur decided he'd rather shut it down than spend the money necessary to bring it up to standard. The remnant of the hotel has been gutted, its con-

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## 'Beef' over EU's homone bans

**BEEF** The World Trade Organization backed the U.S. and Canada yesterday in its sanctions of European food imports in response to the EU's ban on beef treated with growth hormones.

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**Romo could start despite broken finger**

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo was back at practice yesterday and was throwing despite a broken pinkie finger that was originally expected to keep him sidelined for a month. He has said he would like to start this weekend. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Sports

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## German soccer star turns porn star

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**Eva Roob** was a decent soccer player in Germany's professional league for women, but she wasn't making the kind of money that satisfied her so she deemed it necessary to augment her income with a part-time job.

She became an exotic dancer.

Problem was, she'd be up and down those poles and

up and down on her customers' laps all night, and often till 5 a.m., and it became awfully tiring for her since she had to be on the pitch with her soccer team for practice at 10 a.m. daily.

She realized she'd have to stop moonlighting and choose only one of the occupations — soccer or smut.

She chose the latter. It pays more. Moreover, Eva's taking her career in smut to the next level as she is becoming a full-blown participant in the porn industry. Yep, the ex-soccer star has turned into a promising porn star.

Her new name: Samira

## Brodeur bedevils Atlanta with 97th career shutout

**NHL RECAP****Devils 1 Thrashers 0**

**HOCKEY** Martin Brodeur turned away all 25 shots he faced for his first shutout of the new season, and Brian Rolston tallied the lone goal before leaving with an apparent right ankle injury in New Jersey's win over Atlanta.

**Martin Brodeur**

The shutout was the 97th of Brodeur's career. The Devils won their third in four games to start the season.

**Capitals 4 Penguins 3** — At Mellon Arena, Boyd Gordon scored the game-winner late in the third period

**Canucks 4 Red Wings 3** — At Joe Louis Arena, Alex Burrows' goal less than a minute into overtime lifted Vancouver over Detroit.

**Wild 6 Panthers 2** — At Bank Atlantic Center, Mikko Koivu tallied a goal in addition to assisting on four more, as Minnesota topped Florida.

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to complete a four-goal comeback, as Washington defeated Pittsburgh.

Alexander Semin, Tomas Fleischmann and Michael Nylander skated on the same line and combined to erase a three-goal deficit with each notching a goal and assist.

**David Ortiz** of the Boston Red Sox walks back to the dugout after striking out against the Tampa Bay Rays in Game 5 of Major League Baseball's ALCS playoff series in Boston yesterday. For a full game story, check out [www.metronews.ca](http://www.metronews.ca)

**Boston still favoured to win**

Oddsmakers have listed the Boston Celtics as 3-to-1 favourites to defend their NBA championship in the coming season. The Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant and the Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James are co-favourites as MVP choices. And the Miami Heat's Michael Beasley is listed as a slight favourite over the Portland Trail Blazers' Greg Oden of the Portland Trail Blazers for rookie-of-the-year honours.

Summer.

• One of the most impressive streaks in the history of television sports is about to end this weekend when NBC analyst **John Madden** will skip Sunday night's NFL game in Tampa Bay.

Madden has not missed an NFL assignment since he started his TV career

with CBS in 1980. He analyzed 476 games in a row. But, at 72, he has decided to take a midseason vacation and is allowing fellow NBC analyst **Cris Collinsworth** to replace him temporarily.

Madden admits he's a bit tired of travelling.

He travels on his personal bus exclusively because

of his fear of flying. If he wanted, Madden could retire and live the rest of his life in luxury.

He's a gazillionaire, not only because of his TV work but also because of several other enterprises, including Madden Football, the granddaddy of all sports-video games.

But Madden has no plans to retire. He only wants a respite.

Incidentally, U.S. presidential candidate **Barack Obama** is starting to appear in ads on Madden's video games.

• This hasn't exactly been a wonderful exhibition season for B.C.'s NBA luminary, **Steve Nash**.

First, the Phoenix Suns have been lukewarm to his request for a new contract. Second, he sprained his ankle Wednesday in Atlanta. And, third, he had to play in an outdoor exhibition game in California last week against the Nuggets in unbearably cold and windy conditions.

"My jump shots," Nash said, "sliced right. It felt like Edmonton in the winter out there. It was too cold to sweat."

Denver star **Allen Iverson** was smarter. He stayed home.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

**Sports in brief**

**CYCLING** German cycling suffered a double blow yesterday when organizers scrapped the country's biggest race and public broadcasters said the sport's doping problems meant it was no longer worth showing the Tour de France live.

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**YESTERDAY'S RESULTS**

New Jersey	1	Atlanta	0
Washington	4	Pittsburgh	3
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# Rainmen get their man Moyse

Halifax takes former Acadia Axemen star No. 2 overall in PBL draft

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**The Halifax Rainmen say they couldn't go wrong making Walter Moyse the foundation of their franchise.**

The Rainmen selected the 6-foot-10 former Acadia Axemen star with the second overall pick in the Premier Basketball League draft in Chicago yesterday. He has agreed to terms on a contract and should be in January's opening-night lineup.

Not only will he provide the post presence the Rainmen lacked in the American Basketball Association last season, the Summerside, P.E.I., native is a name familiar to local fans.

"You're always looking for quality local guys and he's a very active post player," Rainmen head coach Rick Lewis said. "He runs the floor well, he's got an outside shot and he knows how to find seams for re-



Walter Moyse, middle, poses for a photo with Halifax Rainmen co-owner Andre Levingston, left, and head coach Rick Lewis yesterday in Chicago. Moyse, a 6-foot-10 former Acadia Axemen star, was drafted second overall by the Rainmen in the Premier Basketball League draft.

bounds and put-backs."

Moyse wrapped up a five-year career with the Axemen in 2003-04, averaging 13.3 points and 8.5 rebounds per game and earning a spot on the conference all-star team.

He has since played in

Europe, most recently at Switzerland's second level with the Villars Basket. He led the team in points (13.9) and rebounds (7.0) per game last season.

Moyse, who will put the pen to paper on an official contract soon, said there's

"no doubt" he'll play in Halifax.

"I'm excited, I can't wait," he said. "I've heard nothing but great things about the Rainmen. Traveling in Europe has been a lot of fun, but there's something special about coming

home and playing in front of friends and family."

Moyse said he likes to use his quickness to beat defenders off the dribble and that he "loves running on the fast break."

The Rainmen also drafted 6-foot-8 power forward David Bailey in the second round, 26th overall. Bailey averaged 10.6 points with the PBL's Maryland Knights last season and was among the league's top rebounders with 7.4 per game.

Lewis couldn't stop raving about Bailey, who also has agreed to terms on a contract to play in Halifax.

"This guy is exciting ... I mean he is tough," Lewis said. "Inside and outside game, great post game, breaks his man down to get to the basket, hustles on the boards."

"The kid is just a player. He's always around the basketball."

The Detroit Panthers drafted 6-foot-8 Willie Mitchell No. 1.

# Struggling Moose hit the road

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**HOCKEY** The Halifax Mooseheads will look to improve on a 3-9 record as they return to action this weekend on the road.

The Mooseheads visit the Lewiston Maineiacs tonight at 8 p.m. and the Drummondville Voltigeurs on Sunday at 5 p.m., looking to halt a slide of six losses in their past seven games.

Only the winless Val-d'Or Foreurs, with a woeful 0-10-2 record, are lower than the Mooseheads in the 18-team Quebec Major Junior Hockey League standings.

 "The record may

not portray the way we've been playing," Mooseheads captain Graham Bona said. "We've been in most games and we're heading in the right direction.

"We're staying positive. If we work on the little things and cut down on mistakes, I think we'll be fine."

# McCartney emerges from scout team as key player

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veteran Andrew Paopao off the team at the start of the Atlantic University Sport football season.

McCartney is suddenly among the Huskies' leading tacklers with 19 and has more solo sacks (four) and fumble recoveries (three) than anybody else in the conference.

"We were all waiting on Paopao and when his spot opened up, I got in and made it happen, I guess," McCartney said. "It's a much bigger role and it's been working out great."

The defining play of McCartney's season came

against the St. Francis Xavier X-Men on Oct. 4, when he jumped on a blocked Kyle Chisholm punt, ran the ball 60 yards for a touchdown and lifted Saint Mary's to a comeback win.

"His speed is incredible and it's showing up in games," Huskies head coach Steve Sumarah said. "He's becoming a force on the edge."

The 6-foot, 215-pounder's role, along with that of the rest of the defence and special teams, has become that much more important with the possibility of their best player, quarterback Erik



After just six games, Karl McCartney has gone from being a stop gap to emerging as an essential part of the Huskies' defence.

Glavic, not playing for the rest of the season.

Mount Allison Mounties on the road at 2 p.m.

The Huskies are looking to give rookie quarterback Jack Creighton good field position on Saturday as they try to shake off an eye-opening loss to the Montreal Carabins. They face the

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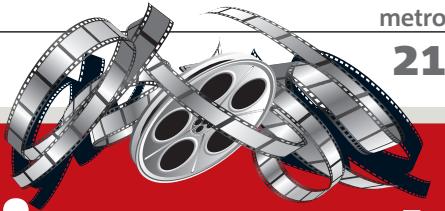
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## Often misunderstood

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Perhaps the most surprising aspect of director Oliver Stone's impressive film *W.* is just how rounded of a portrayal he's made of U.S. President George W. Bush. In his own right, Josh Brolin, here with co-star Elizabeth Banks, gives a stunning performance.

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# Brolin embodies Dub-ya

Oliver Stone offers a rounded portrayal of the outgoing commander-in-chief

## W.

**Director:** Oliver Stone  
**Stars:** Josh Brolin, Richard Dreyfus  
**Classification:** PG  
**Rating:** \*\*\*

**PHIL BROWN**  
 for Metro Canada

**When it was announced that Oliver Stone would be directing a film about the life of George W. Bush, it was assumed that the movie would be a slanted attack that made the president seem even worse than he's managed to do on his own.**

But perhaps the most surprising aspect of Stone's impressive film is just how rounded of a portrayal he's made.

Make no mistake, Stone does not present Bush as a strong leader by any

stretch of the imagination, but he does at least explain how he managed to make his many mistakes in a manner that seems plausible and disturbingly relatable.

Of course, Stone never could have created such a shaded portrayal without an actor capable of fully embodying the figure, who has been a cultural icon for almost a decade.

Josh Brolin perfectly captures all of Bush's mannerisms without ever slipping into the realm of a Saturday Night Live impersonation.

It's a truly exceptional piece of acting that solidifies Brolin's sudden rise to prominence in Hollywood.

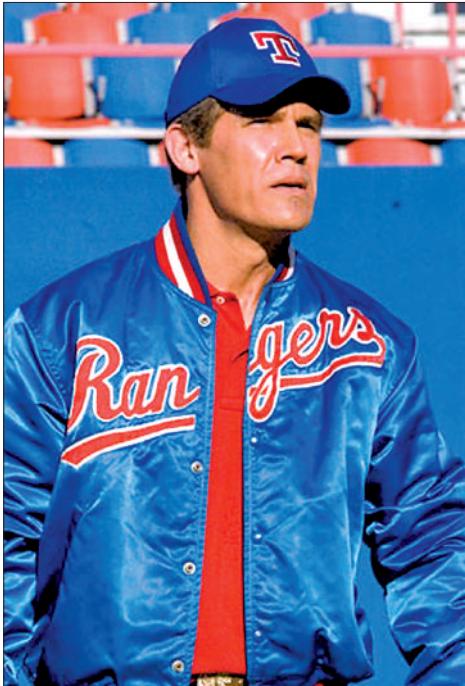
Similar glowing comments can be made about the entire cast including Richard Dreyfus' subtly malicious Dick Cheney and Thandie Newton's

chameleon-like transformation into Condoleezza Rice.

As well crafted and entertaining as the film is, it does suffer from being a little slight. Because of Stone's passionate desire to remain as objective and truthful as possible, there's nothing particularly new or challenging suggested by the film.

We already know what happened, but it is nice to see it depicted so honestly and effectively. W. is the best thing that Oliver Stone has attached his name to in years and the movie will hopefully be a step towards rebuilding his career.

It's hard to believe that a film this openly critical about a sitting president could ever be released, but if anyone deserved it, it's the eternally misunderstood George Dub-ya.



Josh Brolin portrays President George W. Bush in Oliver Stone's W.

## Video game adaptation big, brash and to the Max

## Max Payne

**Director:** John Moore  
**Stars:** Mark Wahlberg  
**Classification:** 14A  
**Rating:** \*\*\*½

**STEVE GOW**  
 for Metro Canada

**REVIEW** Doom. Hitman. Postal. These are just a few of the filmic examples of why producers are taking a fairly big chance with Max Payne, the latest hit video game-turned-Hollywood blockbuster.

Computer games have indeed had a tough time making the cinematic jump so will Payne finally redeem a genre of unfulfilling dreck?

As the title character, Mark Wahlberg is an angry, maverick cop who is determined to find the savages who killed his wife and child.

Shirking his civic duty, Payne conspires with a sexy assassin — Mila Kunis of That '70s Show — and discovers a dark underworld that may be connected to otherworldly demons.

Got that? Good, because if I told you anymore, I'd be spoiling the plot, which is perhaps



Mark Wahlberg and Mila Kunis star in the movie adaptation of the popular video game Max Payne.

this movie's main weakness.

First, let's be honest — this is no BloodRayne. But, like many of these adaptations, videogames generally don't make great narratives because they're simply not structured stories.

Sure, they can have depth, character and background but as Paul Arendt of Britain's The Guardian once wrote, they're "engines designed for the pleasure of problem solving."

This thriller follows suit in the respect that it

certainly seems overly focused on Payne and his quest. By doing so, other aspects (the central plot twist for instance) are too obvious and unembellished.

That said, Payne knows its limitations and makes no apologies; it has ab-

solutely stunning choreography and brooding. Wahlberg was made for this kind of role. Further, and maybe most importantly, this movie is big, brash and perhaps better than any other video-game adaptation out there.

**'Calgary' a more apt name for Gross' film**

## Passchendaele

**Director:** Paul Gross  
**Stars:** Paul Gross, Joe Dinicol  
**Classification:** 14A  
**Rating:** \*\*\*

**RICK MCGINNIS**  
 Metro Canada

**REVIEW** It's worth noting that it's been exactly 25 years since the last time Canada attempted to make a movie set in the mud and trenches of the First World War.

That film — Robin Phillips' The Wars, with a screenplay by Timothy Findley based on his own novel — was ponderously bad, and a generation had to pass before we attempted the experiment again.

Paul Gross' Passchendaele puts the putative setting and subject of his film in the title, but halfway through the film, you have to wonder why truth in advertising didn't compel him to call it Calgary.

While the film's climax is indeed set during the furious 1917 battle where Canadian troops repeated the onerous task set to them months earlier at Vimy Ridge — both battles serve as bookends for the film — the bulk of the story takes place in a Calgary full of wooden sidewalks, where war fever has given way to desperate recruitment drives.

Gross plays Michael Dunne, whose wounds extend to shell shock, and Caroline Dhavernas plays the pretty nurse he's fallen in love with. She also has an asthmatic younger brother (Joe Dinicol) bent on proving himself to his fiancée and her doctor father by enlisting.

Gross spent more than a decade writing the film, which wasn't long enough to digest the chunky stew of facts and fictional precedents embedded in its storyline.

Unfortunately, the titular battles is reduced to an afterthought to the dreary prairie drama that takes up most of the film.

The small tragedy is that, while the funding labyrinth responsible for making Passchendaele is vast, there was obviously no one at any point with the simple task of asking for a rewrite that could be plausibly put in front of the cameras — a tragedy unique to Canadian cinema.

# Driving on empty

## Sex Drive

**Director:** Sean Anders  
**Stars:** James Marsden, Josh Zuckerman  
**Classification:** 18A  
**Rating:** 

**STEVE GOW**  
 for Metro Canada

**Have you seen American Pie, Superbad or any other teen comedy made since 1983 where the protagonist's central aim is to get laid? Well, unless you feel the need to add "main character wears a donut costume" to that compendium, you can probably skip Sex Drive.**

In this witless derivative,

18-year-old virgin Ian (Josh Zuckerman) spends his free time on the Internet pretending to be a bench-pressing jock until he finally attracts the affectionate invitation of a sexy sure thing.

Seizing the moment, Ian steals his brother's muscle car and sets out on a road trip with a platonic gal-pal and his unintentionally annoying buddy Lance — who despite looking like the love child of The Office's Dwight Schrute and Charles Nelson Reilly is portrayed as a total ladies' man. Go figure. Along the way, the trio elude Ian's maniacally repressed older brother (James Marsden), get chased by a jilted red-

neck in a truck, and crash an Amish keg party featuring power-pop act Fall Out Boy. Hey, it could happen.

I suppose the film should earn some marks for at least attempting to explore areas of political-incorrectness, but in an era where an overabundance of raunchy teen romps have only risen expectations, Sex Drive is too trite to make a dent in the genre.

Simply put, to say this film plays to the MTV-set isn't just overstating the obvious, it's a warning: Every gimmick in Sex Drive is so manufactured to seem genuinely quirky, it all comes off solicitous and counterfeit.



Sex Drive is like an '80s teen comedy, but with a donut costume.

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## Not much to buzz about in Bees

### Secret Life of Bees

**Director:** Gina Prince-Bythewood  
**Stars:** Queen Latifah, Dakota Fanning, Jennifer Hudson  
**Classification:** 14A  
**Rating:** 

**STEVE VEALE**  
 for Metro Canada



Queen Latifah and Dakota Fanning star in *Secret Life of Bees*.

**REVIEW** What to do with *The Secret Life of Bees*? There are two distinct ways to look at Bees. The first is that it is heartfelt, sincere and a true tear-jerker of a story.

It's pretty obvious why the original Sue Monk Kidd novel was chosen as an official Oprah book club selection.

In a more cynical (realistic?) vein, some may consider the film maudlin, trite and completely over-the-top manipulative — with screenwriter-director Gina Prince-Bythewood pulling out every emotional zinger in the movie book.

In the movie, Lily Owens, a young white girl

growing up in 1964 southern segregation, leaves her brutish father's house to find a peaceful home life with the Boatwright family, three strong black women named after the months of May, June and August.

An almost unrecognizable Paul Bettany gives a powerhouse — and ugly — performance as the loutish father of 14-year-old Lily, played by Dakota Fanning. She is growing into quite a good little actress as she leaves her

childhood cuteness behind.

Jennifer Hudson (an Oscar-winner for *Dreamgirls*) provides solid support as Rosaleen, while Sophie Okonedo will honestly break your heart as her damaged sister. Alicia Keys proves that as an actress she is a great singer.

Audiences' opinions of *The Secret Life of Bees* will likely be divided depending on their sex, race, and whether or not you're too young to have seen *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

## Coppola revisits The Godfather

**JIM REYNO**  
 Metro Canada

**FEATURE** It's an offer film buffs can't refuse.

Director Francis Ford Coppola has overseen the digital restoration of his landmark films *The Godfather* and *The Godfather, Part II*.

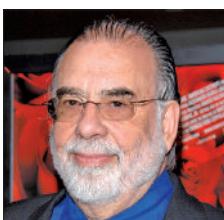
We're talking (actually, the press release is) "extensive frame-by-frame examination and restoration utilizing state-of-the-art digital technology."

That sounds serious. That's why it took more than a year. It's not something you'd do for every flick. Who wants to go frame by frame through *Tango and Cash* for 365 days?

But *The Godfather* saga? Both films won Academy Awards for best picture. *The Godfather* won in 1972; the sequel two years later.

Filmmaker Stanley Kubrick went so far as to say *The Godfather* is "possibly the greatest movie ever made."

Maybe more important-



Francis Ford Coppola spent a year restoring *The Godfather*.

in this story. Like a horse head between the sheets.

"It does all the stuff that gangster films are supposed to do," said White. "It has the kind of violence — exciting violence and vividly realized violence — all that kind of good, pulpy genre stuff is in *The Godfather*, for sure."

"But it's a lot more sophisticated about the ethical quandaries inherent in that kind of violence. It's a lot more sophisticated about the political and the social meaning of that kind of violence."

As for the restoration, White says it will revitalize one of the things that make *The Godfather* a masterpiece.

"The movie really is one of the great works of American cinema, and a lot of it has to do with the colour," he said. "It is this incredibly rich, vibrant, very visually lush piece of work. Some of that has to do with camera movement, but a lot of it has to do with colour."

"It's a really beautifully visualized piece of work."

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Edward Norton, right, has to decide where his loyalties lie in the cop drama *Pride and Glory*.

## Norton praises nuanced acting of *Pride and Glory* co-star

STEVE GOW  
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**It's interesting enough that the new cop drama *Pride and Glory* was made by filmmaking-brothers, Gavin (director) and Gregory (producer) O'Connor. Perhaps more intriguing however is their story about a family of corrupt NYPD police officers is loosely based on their experiences growing up the sons of a cop.**

"I definitely think that Gavin's family history and his intimacy with the police and the dynamics, they were very meaningful to him and his brother," says star Edward Norton during a recent interview in Toronto.

"I think they felt an intensity to create a feeling of authenticity and I admired that."

"They really wanted to make this a reflection of the NYPD," adds co-star Noah Emmerich. "I'm not talking about the plot in terms of corruption or

whatnot; I'm talking about the characters and the ambience."

For the sake of the NYPD, it's probably best he's not talking about the plot. *Pride and Glory* — in theatres next Friday — features Norton as Ray Tierney, an investigator who learns his brother (Emmerich) and brother-in-law (Colin Farrell) may be involved in the cover-up of a drug bust-gone-wrong.

As the evidence mounts, Ray must eventually decide who he's more loyal to — his family or the NYPD.

"I think brotherhood is such a central theme to the film — how you negotiate your allegiances to yourself and to those around you," says Emmerich.

"Where your loyalties fall and how do you compromise them in order to make it all work."

A drama that relies on some intense character work, it's a movie that also fits actors like Norton and Farrell like a glove. More surprising is the stel-

**"I've always liked Noah (Emmerich's) work. He went into an entirely new place for him in this."**

Edward Norton

lar performance of relative unknown Emmerich (*Little Children*) who steals several scenes from his more-famous cinematic brethren as a tortured man who may be ultimately responsible for the scandal.

"I've always liked Noah's work. He went into an entirely new place for him in this," says Norton of his co-star.

"Noah's character is really interesting because he's rolling around in that area of a person who's not being actively criminal but who's committing the crime of omission or of looking the other way and rationalization; that's a very nuanced thing to play and I think he's beautiful in it."

## Quote of the week

"There have been so many times I've worked on films that required a lot of emotion, and the director didn't understand. They'd do 10 takes in a wide shot and you're crying and crying. And then they'd do closeups and you're still trying to emote with the same honesty. Clint (Eastwood) doesn't exhaust you like that. He knows when to move on. And so you feel safe enough to just lay yourself bare and expose everything."

**Angelina Jolie** on working with director Clint Eastwood on the film *Changeling*, which is in theatres next Friday.

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## Reel Time

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## Movie morsels

## Beverly Hills Chihuahua

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**REVIEW** If my dog could speak, what would it say? Well, *Beverly Hills Chihuahua* is the latest talking animal flick to heed that query. Featuring the voices of Drew Barrymore, Andy Garcia and other celebs, *Chihuahua* is a harmless "tail" about a snooty, rich lapdog that gets lost in Mexico and must journey back to Rodeo Drive. Along the way, she encounters a mélange of muttering mutts and an annoying animated rat-iguana duo that, in the end, teach us life lessons.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Dennis Quaid portrays the coach of the Syracuse Orangemen in *The Express*.

## Body of Lies

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**REVIEW** Just like the recent thriller *Eagle Eye*, *Body of Lies* is banking on the notion that, through technology, an unseen power can control our every move. In the case of director Ridley Scott's latest film, that omnipotent surveillance is set

in the Middle East where CIA field agent Roger Ferris (Leonardo DiCaprio) is not only tracking down an Osama bin Laden-like terrorist leader, but he's doing so under the guidance of stay-at-home chief Ed Hoffman. Hoffman calls the shots over a Bluetooth in America while watching his kids play soccer. For Ferris, this disconnect is the perfect example of the problems in the Middle

East: If those directing the War on Terror cannot relate to the situation on the ground, how can they solve the quandary there?

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

## City of Ember

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**REVIEW** It says a lot about the current state of our planet when two of the biggest family films of recent months have been set

in post-apocalyptic worlds where humans have been forced to abandon the planet due to excessive pollution. Granted, *City Of Ember* isn't as poignant or touching as Pixar's *Wall-E*, but then few films are. Based on the novel by Jeanne Duprau, *City Of Ember* is set in a world where a small community of humans have been living underground for generations, awaiting the day

when the planet will be hospitable enough to return to the surface. A little extra humor and exposition probably would have helped make the movie more palatable for the masses, but it's still nice to know that there are some filmmakers out there who refuse to talk down to children.

Phil Brown/Metro Canada

tutes a few game sequences heavy on the careening, quick-cut camera work, and ends with the customary series of end titles to let us know what happened after the credits roll.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

## Flash of Genius

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**REVIEW** *Flash of Genius* isn't an easy movie to sell. It doesn't feature a major star, and it's about the guy who created the intermittent windshield wiper. Set in the heyday of the automobile, Kinnear plays Robert Kearns, an eccentric college professor who — after literally getting corked in the eye — invents a new wiper. When the Ford Motor Company shows just enough interest to get his prototype and steal the idea, Kearns must take on the auto giant to regain his dignity even though it costs him his family and, by all indication, his sanity.

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# Barber takes chance

Female vocalists of the 1950s inspire singer's new album

BRIAN COULTON  
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**It's a starry night and you're walking down Main Street with your best gal. She's just said she'll go steady with you and you think that's pretty neat-o. You swing over to the diner to grab a pair of malts and a sweet voice serenades you from the jukebox within.**

It's not Doris, Patti or Patsy. It's Canada's own Jill Barber.

The vocal trills and full orchestration contained on her new album, Chances, recalls romantic themes and sounds typical of 1950s female vocalists. While the release is an obvious diversion from her typically folksy sound, Barber contends she's taken her own chance in hopes

of reviving history. "It's not going to be up everybody's alley and that's OK," she says. "Everywhere I look, I hear old music being played. Rather than playing the same old records all the time, I'm trying to write some new music that captures the quality of that old music."

Barber doesn't only make her attempt through song writing and vocal emulation of her own idols like Patsy Cline and Etta James. She says the "vintage quality" attributed to the songs on Chances also lies in the way the record was made.

"We were very deliberate in deciding that we wanted to just go the whole way and produce it the way they used to make albums with real, full string sections, horns and

**"Rather than playing the same old records all the time, I'm trying to write some new music that captures the quality of that old music."**

Jill Barber

full orchestration," she says.

It's important to Barber to hold on to the strings of what used to be. "I would hate to see it fall to the wayside," she says. Although she admires modern, electronic music being made, she says she's never quite felt capable of making it. Instead, she sticks to what she knows will work.

"I always really admire

artists that work on the cutting edge," says Barber. "As opposed to trying to do something that's very current and very hip and modern, I look back to the classics to what has stood the test of time."

And while one must question the loyalty of an artist's fans when she so evidently changes direction, Barber says the only audience she's ever had in mind is anybody who is interested.

She's more concerned with how her albums will stack up over time. "As long as the art of the album exists, then I would like each one to stand on its own."

**Jill Barber's new album, Chances, recalls romantic themes and sounds typical of 1950s female vocalists. It is now available in stores.**



## AC/DC, Guns N' Roses, Snow Patrol top fall release calendar

### Sound Check



**Alan Cross**

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**N**ow that Thanksgiving is out of the way — well, our version of it anyway — it's time for the deluge of big-name fourth quarter releases to hit the stores in time for Christmas. Let's take stock, shall we?

• **Black Ice — AC/DC (Tuesday):** This is a monster. By the time this record hits the stores, it will have been eight years,

seven months and 23 days since we last saw a new AC/DC record.

My sources say that Canadian record stores have ordered insane amounts of AC/DC products — both new and old — to meet the anticipated demand. Plans include releasing four different covers and then having fans vote on which one should be the permanent one. Once that decision is made, the other three will become instant collectors' items. Crafty, no?

AC/DC may be aging — singer Brian Johnson is 61 and Angus Young is 53

(all five-foot-three, 110 pounds of him) — but they have no intention of slowing down. Nor are

they interested in entering the digital age by doing a deal with iTunes. The message from them is "You want this album? Then you buy the CD."

Word is that Wal-Mart — the exclusive

source for Black Ice in the U.S. — has guaranteed that it will move 2.5 million copies. The chain will also sell millions of copies of Back in Black, which has already sold 49 million copies and counting.

• **Chinese Democracy — Guns N' Roses (Nov. 23, the Sunday of the American Thanksgiving. We think. Or maybe it'll be Tuesday, Nov. 25.):** After 13 years, we're go for launch. Best Buy has apparently snagged some exclusive rights to release the 13-years-in-the-making opus from Axl Rose on the Sunday with everyone else getting to sell the record on Tuesday. And as with the AC/DC release, there will be three different covers. Watch for special reissues of Appetite for Destruction, as well.

voiceovers, I'll be surprised. A solid record.

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**Guns N' Roses frontman Axl Rose is finally ready to release his band's long-awaited new album, Chinese Democracy, next month. So long as Rose doesn't pull the plug, it will be the band's first studio release in 17 years.**

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Priestley dropping in on Earl  
Actor Jason Priestley, left, will play Brandon, Earl's better-looking and more successful cousin, in a guest spot on the NBC show My Name Is Earl. [TVGUIDE.COM](http://TVGUIDE.COM)

## Television

## Equity Firm pays \$1 for Guide

IntelleVision

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**I'D BUY THAT FOR A DOLLAR** And somebody did — a Beverly Hills-based private equity firm called OpenGate Capital, which paid copy protection giant Macrovision precisely one U.S. dollar for TV Guide magazine, less than a year after Macrovision bought TV Guide, apparently just for its digital assets.

According to a story in Advertising Age magazine, Macrovision has also given OpenGate a \$9.5 million loan at a mere 3 per cent interest to get the magazine back in the black, a deal that would be sweet even if financial markets weren't so unstable. Gemstar, TV Guide's last owner, admitted that the magazine lost \$20.3 million in 2007, and yes, I'm as confused about the math here as you are.

What the deal actually accomplishes for Macrovision is the simple but fiscally beneficial task of wiping the magazine's losses and debts from its books, as well as its responsibilities to TV Guide's 3 million U.S. subscribers. TV Guide's digital assets — its interactive pro-

gram guide and relationship with cable providers — were all Macrovision really wanted, and the Ad Age story reported they'll be selling off the TV Guide Channel separately. The Canadian edition of TV Guide is owned by Montreal's Transcontinental Media (a partner with Metro in some Canadian markets, in the interest of full disclosure) which ceased publishing its print edition nearly two years ago, after the magazine had changed size, and reduced its six editions to just two. It became an online magazine, its articles and scheduling grid hosted by the Sympatico Network, a rare case of a Canadian business seeing the future more clearly than their U.S. counterpart.

OpenGate managing partner Andrew Nikou told Ad

Age they're "investing in this company to take it to the next stage," though what that would be remains anyone's guess, since it would seem that they're going to burn through Macrovision's loan in less than six months if Gemstar's dismal numbers still hold true. As for Macrovision, the long-term value of TV onscreen program guide is debatable as TV programming moves away from a calendar to a marketplace menu, so it's anyone's guess who's got the worst end of this deal.

**GORILLA MY HEART** You have to stand up and take notice of a show like The Missing Link, which will send a carefully chosen group of humans to live in the jungles of Uganda to live like apes. The buzz show at the recent Mipcom media convention, it was sold with the slogan "We share over 98 per cent of our DNA. Can you see the difference?"

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.



The Smart Cookies are, left to right, Katie Dunsworth, Angela Self, Andrea Baxter, Sandra Hanna and Robyn Gunn.

## How five women turn distress into success

**JIM REYNO**  
Metro Canada



**Despite what you may think, it's not that far from woe to dough. The Smart Cookies proved it.**

In just two years, the five friends have gone from financial distress to financial success — and they haven't stopped there. There's the website, TV show on the W Network, weekly Metro column and now a book, which is geared towards women: The Smart Cookies' Guide to Making More Dough.

Regardless of the medium, the message is the same: Ladies, you can fix your finances.

"The best part of being able to do this now is that we are able to share what we did and say, 'Look, it's not that hard. If we can do it, anybody can do it,'" said Smart Cookie Sandra Hanna.

"We don't have any financial background. In

fact, I think we were allergic to the word 'finance' before we started this."

Inspired by an Oprah Winfrey episode on personal finance, Hanna and fellow Vancouver residents Andrea Baxter, Angela Self, Katie Dunsworth and Robyn Gunn formed a money group and began meeting weekly to discuss their finances, strategize and set goals.

And share a laugh or two.

"We just eased into it, because for us it was about getting together as a group of women, bringing the social aspect, and then getting down to business," Baxter said.

In their book, the Cookies explain how to organize your own money

group, even if it's a group of one.

"For those who want to start a money group — that's where we claim our success, we always encourage that," said Baxter.

"But for those who aren't as comfortable sharing their financial information with other people, the book is a manual and a guide."

A guide geared for

the girls.

"I think women have always taken a backseat to financials and finances within the household, especially since the husband has traditionally brought in more money and taken on that role," said Baxter.

"I think we're definitely filling a void."



### Get snapping!

This year's Metro Global Photo Challenge theme is the 'Urban Jungle'. Enter your 5 best pictures interpreting this theme and you could win a 5 day trip for two to Paris, plus \$2,000 CDN cash!!

The Competition is open from October 6th to October 26th, 2008. Go to [www.metronews.ca/photochallenge](http://www.metronews.ca/photochallenge) to enter.

1 Canadian Finalist will win a Nikon D700 DSLR and a Nikon 24-70mm F2.8 Zoom Lens (valued at approx \$4,998).

Interview with the winner and publication of the winner's photographs is optional. Terms and conditions available online. Metro Global Photo Challenge received 30,668 entries last year, making it one of the largest competitions in digital photography in the world. Open to non-professionals and professionals.

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## Housewives actor awaits medical tests

Desperate Housewives' Gale Harold is in critical condition with a fractured shoulder and awaiting further tests after suffering injuries in a motorcycle accident Tuesday, a spokeswoman for USC Medical Center in Los Angeles said. [TVGUIDE.COM](http://TVGUIDE.COM)

# Beijing Olympics inspires South Park episode



## South Park

**Air date:** Today

**Network:** Comedy

**THE SECOND HALF** of season 12 of South Park premieres tonight with The China Problem, an episode that's become infamous since it debuted just over a week ago on Comedy Central in the United States. The main plot, inspired by the Beijing Olympics, is probably offensive enough, but a subplot involving filmmakers George Lucas and Steven Spielberg and the "squeal like a pig" scene from Deliverance might be the most disturbing thing South Park creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone have done yet.



## Rick's TV Picks



## MuchMoreMusic Live

**Air date:** Saturday

**Network:** MuchMoreMusic

**SINGER SARAH MCLACHLAN**, a perfectly nice person from what we've heard, endures the machinery of record promotion with this live appearance promoting her new greatest hits album, Closer: The Best of Sarah McLachlan. If you really have an appetite to endure awkward ritual, you can watch her on Live@etalk the day before, pretending to be charmed by host Ben Mulroney.



## Lagerfeld Confidential

**Air date:** Tuesday

**Network:** Fashion Television

**THIS PORTRAIT** of legendary fashion designer

Karl Lagerfeld will attempt the considerable feat of trying to find some normalcy in the life of a hothouse self-creation in the most artificial industry known to man. Filmed over such an extended period that film gave way to video footage, it should at least have the salutary effect of making viewers grateful for the small comforts of banality in their lives.



## The Dolphin Dealer — The Doc Zone

**Air date:** Thursday

**Network:** CBC

**DOCUMENTARIES** have two purposes, based on my observations: to

inform and educate, and to give you this persistent, icky feeling of guilt that won't go away for days. There should be plenty of that with this film about the business of providing dolphins for aquariums and water parks, right down to the eponymous dealer of the film's title, who claims his trade has at least convinced Solomon Islanders to capture the charming mammals alive instead of hunting them for their teeth.

— RICK MCGINNIS/METRO CANADA

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
				31 31 31 ABC	News (N)	ABC Wld News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Wife Swap (N)	Supernanny (N)	20/20 (N)	
	7	7	7 ASN	The Road to Avonlea		Robson Arms	TMZ (N)	Wife Swap (N)	America's Toughest Jobs (N)	Stargate SG-1		
	11	11	11 CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Air Force-Final	Rick Mercer	Doctor Who (N)	CBC News: The National	The Hour		
	32	32	32 CBS	News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer (N)	The Ex List (HDTV) (N)	NUMBERS (N)		
	6	6	6 CIHF	Entertainment	ET Canada	Life "Crushed" (N)		NUMBERS "Blowback"	The Ex List (HDTV) (N)	News (N)		
	9	9	9 CJCH	etalk	Hollywood	Without a Trace (N)		Ghost Whisperer (N)	Supernanny (N)	News (N)		
	36	36	36 FOX	Deal-No Deal	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	MLB Baseball: NLCS Game 6 — Dodgers at Phillies					
	12	12	12 NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	Cruiser "Rum and Gunpowder" (N)		Life (N)		
	55	55	55 SCOR	Hockey Talk	Game On	Poker Pacific Poker UK Open		WWE SmackDown!		Score Tonight		
53	53	53 TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	That's Hockey!	2008 World Series of Poker	CFL Pregame	CFL Football BC Lions at Edmonton Eskimos				
16	16	16 A&E	Cold Case Files	(HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)			CSI: Miami (HDTV)				
70	70	70 APTN	News		Mixed Blessing	First Nation	Rabbit Fall	The Rez	Suspect ** (1987, Suspense) Cher.			
37	37	37 BRVO	Street Legal	"Home"	Desperate Housewives	Bravo! Fact	Books-Film	A Month by the Lake (1995, Romance)				
49	49	49 COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Force	Good Morning	Corner Gas	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	South Park	Kathy Griffin	
18	18	18 CNN	(5) The Situation Room	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Daily Planet (N)	CNN Election Center	Larry King Live		Cooper 360			
38	38	38 DISC	Cash Cab	How It's Made	Greensburg (N)			Man vs. Wild (N)	Mummy-King			
34	48	48 HGTV	Holmes on Homes	House Hunters	Property Virgin	House Hunters	Extreme Home	Build a New Life	Relocation			
46	46	46 HIST	Blow Down	NCIS	Shockwave			Blow Down	Ax Men			
17	17	17 MM	Punk'd	Degrassi: Next	So You Think You Can Dance Canada	The top 20			Dance	How to Deal ** (2003)		
206	206	206 PIX	(7:15) Lotta ***	(1982, Comedy-Drama) James Mason, Shelley Winters, Sue Lyon.					Eyes Wide Shut *** (1999, Drama)			
39	39	39 SHOW	EastEnders	Little Britain	The Best Years (DVS)	The Guard (HDTV)			Cock'd Gums	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams	
40	40	40 SLICE	Matchmaker	Til Debt-Part	End of Leash	ET Canada	Wedding SOS	Wedding SOS	Crash Test Mommy (N)	End of Leash		
21	21	21 TLC	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear		Real Simple, Real Life "Emily"	What Not to Wear (N)	Say Yes-Dress			
22	22	22 W	House	Style by Jury	Will & Grace	Friends	Mediums	Mediums	Ghost *** (1990, Fantasy) Patrick Swayze.			
27	27	27 YTV	The Mighty Bl	iCarly	A Cinderella Story ** (2004, Romance-Comedy) Hilary Duff.				Smallville		Dark Oracle	

## FRIDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
				31 31 31 ABC	College Football	Patriots All-Access		College Football: Missouri at Texas. (HDTV) (Live)				
	7	7	7 ASN	The Road to Avonlea	Run Your Own Race			America's Toughest Jobs (N)	Air Bud ** (1997, Comedy-Drama)			
11	11	11 CBC	Sat. Report	Hockey Night	NHL Hockey	Toronto Maple Leafs at Pittsburgh Penguins. (HDTV) (Live)			NHL Hockey			
	32	32 CBS	CBS	College Football	Entertainment Tonight	Crimes MINDS (HDTV)						
	6	6	6 CIHF	Disasters of the Century	Turning Points of History	Painkiller Jane			Kenny-Spenny	Trailer Park	News (N)	
	9	9	9 CJCH	W-FIVE	Law & Order: SVU	Criminal Minds (HDTV)			CST: NY "Admissions"			
	36	36 36 FOX	Friends	Friends	Seinfeld	MLB Baseball: NLCS Game 7 — Dodgers at Phillies						
	12	12 12 NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Access Hollywood (N)	America's Toughest Jobs (N)			My Own Worst Enemy	Law/Ord SVU		
	55	55 55 SCOR	Score Update	Footy Show	BodogFight	Strikeforce			Score Update	Footy Show	X-Fighters	
	53	53 53 TSN	SportsCentre	CFL Football	Winnipeg Blue Bombers at Calgary Stampeders. (HDTV) (Live)						SportsCentre	
	16	16 16 A&E	The Terminator ***	(1984, Science Fiction)					CST: Miami "Driven"		The Sopranos	
	70	70 70 APTN	Tribal Treks	Music Speaks	MTV	The Mix	Rez Bluez "Soulfully Bluez"					
	37	37 37 BRVO	Arts & Minds	Bravo!Videos	Live at the Rehearsal Hall	Bryan Ferry Dylanesque						
	49	49 49 COM	Laughs	Comics!	Just for Laughs	Corner Gas	Blue Collar TV					
	18	18 18 CNN	This Week in Politics	Lou Dobbs This Week	How It's Made	Mighty Ships "Fast"	Monster Moves					
	38	38 38 DISC	How It's Made	Holmes on Homes	Colin & Justin's Home Heist	Sarah's House	Mansions					
	46	46 46 HIST	AX Men	NCIS "Blackwater"	Ancestors	Ancestors	Million Dollar Listing					
	17	17 17 MM	Pimp My Ride	Pimp My Ride	How to Deal ** (2003, Romance) Mandy Moore.							
	206	206 206 PIX	Spartacus	(2001: A Space Odyssey) **** (1968, Science Fiction) Keir Dullea.								
	39	39 39 SHOW	Ocean's Twelve	About a Girl	Kink in Hair	Legacy of Fear (2006, Suspense) Teri Polo.						
	40	40 40 SLICE	In Laws	Til Debt-Part	Newlywed	Beautiful	Party Mamas	Tori & Dean: Home				
	21	21 21 TLC	Moving Up (HDTV)	Little People, Big World-Iraq	Flip House	Flip House						
	22	22 22 W	Save Last Dic	Shall We Dance? **	(2004, Romance-Comedy) Richard Gere.							
	27	27 27 YTV	Adrenaline	Mystery Hnt.	Wolverine	Transformers	Naruto	Blue Dragon	Zach Bell (N)	Bleach	Storm Hawks	

## SATURDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
				31 31 31 ABC	College Football	Patriots All-Access		College Football: Missouri at Texas. (HDTV) (Live)				
	7	7	7 ASN	The Road to Avonlea	Run Your Own Race			America's Toughest Jobs (N)	Air Bud ** (1997, Comedy-Drama)			
11	11	11 CBC	Sat. Report	Hockey Night	NHL Hockey	Toronto Maple Leafs at Pittsburgh Penguins. (HDTV) (Live)			NHL Hockey			
	32	32 CBS	CBS	College Football	Entertainment Tonight	Crimes MINDS (HDTV)						
	6	6	6 CIHF	Disasters of the Century	Turning Points of History	Painkiller Jane			Kenny-Spenny	Trailer Park	News (N)	
	9	9	9 CJCH	Star Wars Clo.	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Criminal Minds (HDTV)			CST: NY "Admissions"			
	36	36 36 FOX	Friends	Friends	Seinfeld	MLB Baseball: NLCS Game 7 — Dodgers at Phillies						
	12	12 12 NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Football Night in America							
	55	55 55 SCOR	(6) NFL Blitz	The WWE Experience	Football Night in America							
	53	53 53 TSN	SportsCentre	Football Night in America								
	16	16 16 A&E	Gangsta Girls						CST: Miami (HDTV)	CST: Miami "Ambush"	CST: Miami	
	70	70 70 APTN	Great Towns	MTV	Rez Bluez "Soulfully Bluez"							
	37	37 37 BRVO	Mad Men	"Maidenform"	Music Speaks	The Mix						
	49	49 49 COM	Laughs	Comics!	Winnipeg Comedy Festival							
	18	18 18 CNN	Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)	Newsroom								
	38	38 38 DISC	Cash Cab	How It's Made	Special Investigations							
	34	48 48 HGTV	Green Homes	Extreme Home	Raging Nature (N)							
	46	46 46 HIST	Outlaw Bikers	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Unsellable						
	17	17 17 MM	disBand	NCIS "Doppelganger"	Digging for the Truth							
	206	206 206 PIX	(6) Logan's Run (1976)	Technical Diff.	Legally Blonde							
	39	39 39 SHOW	TBA	Kink in Hair	Wesley Snipes.							
	40	40 40 SLICE	In Little Hollywood (DVS)	The Guard (HDTV)	Perfectly Normal ** (1991, Comedy)							
	21	21 21 TLC	The New Detectives	Vanity Insanity	Imaginary Playmate (2006, Suspense) Dina Meyer.							
	22	22 22 W	Take the Lead	My Shocking Story	Wedding SOS	Bulging Brides						
	27	27 27 YTV	Hwd 10 Best	My Shocking Story	Work Out "Sky-Lab 2.0"							
	27	27 27 YTV	Grocery	Style by Jury	Shocking Story							
	27	27 27 YTV	Info@drsharps.com	Naruto	My Silent Partner (2006, Suspense) Joanna Going.							
	27	27 27 YTV	metronews.ca	SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	The Next Star						

## SUNDAY

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				31 31 31 ABC	News (N)	ABC News	Funnies Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home	Desperate Housewives	Brothers		
	7	7	7 ASN	Young Blades								
11	11	11 CBC	Heartland "Gift Horse"	Bon Cop, Bad Cop (2006, Comedy) Colin Firth.								
	32	32 CBS	NFL Football: Jets at Raiders	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)								
	6	6	6 CIHF	renegadepress	The Simpsons	Brothers & Sisters (N)						
	9	9	9 CJCH	Star Wars Clo.	Degassi's: Next	Law & Order: Criminal Intent						
	36	36 36 FOX	Friends	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Amazing Race 13						

## Going Out

# Doc still singing after sweep

CCMA winner Doc Walker plays two shows in town this weekend

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**Doc Walker is still riding high from last month's Canadian Country Music Awards.**

The guitar-playing trio from Winnipeg was the big winner at the CCMA held in the Manitoba capital in early September, taking all five major awards they were nominated for.

Doc Walker won in fans choice, group of the year, album of the year, single of the year and video of the year.

Simply put, it was their night.

"To win in every category we were nominated in was pretty amazing. Usually we don't get any (awards)," band member Chris Thorsteinson said. "People are proud of what we've done and we're proud of what we've done, too."

The recent success by Doc Walker is thanks to the release of their 2008 album Beautiful Life. Top-



Doc Walker comes to Halifax after playing shows in P.E.I. and New Brunswick earlier this week.

five radio hits That's All and Beautiful Life have come from the album, which was written entirely by band members' Thorsteinson, Dave Wasyliw and Murray Pulver. "I think Beautiful Life really connected with the

audience," Thorsteinson said of the song that won them single and video of the year at the CCMA. "It was the first song written on the record, pretty much. It was a good foundation to write the rest of the record around. It just

really connected with the fans. That's basically what we try to do."

Doc Walker, which has been together for 12 years, is in the midst of a Maritime tour, and will be playing back-to-back shows at the Casino Nova

## If you go

- WHAT: Doc Walker
- WHEN: Tonight and tomorrow at 8 p.m.
- WHERE: Casino Nova Scotia's Schooner Showroom
- TICKETS: Cost \$36.50, plus service charges. Phone 451-1221 or visit [www.ticketatlantic.com](http://www.ticketatlantic.com)

Scotia's Schooner Showroom tonight and tomorrow at 8 p.m. The band comes to Halifax after playing shows in Summerside, P.E.I. and Fredericton earlier this week. They'll also play on Sunday in Glace Bay and Monday in Liverpool.

"We don't even know (what the show will be like). We always try to keep it fresh. That's the main thing," Thorsteinson said of their two performances in Halifax. "Our goal is by the end of the show the crowd kind of has a better idea of who we are. They know us and we get to know them."

## Babes For Breasts sing at Seahorse

**BENEFIT** Ottawa's Ana Miura is headlining tonight's Babes For Breasts concert at the Seahorse Tavern in Halifax beginning at 8 p.m. Babes For Breasts is a collection of female singer-songwriters who donate their time and voices to help raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research. Miura is the national tour's founder, and will be joined on stage by Nova Scotia's Norma MacDonald, Amanda Rheaume, Rhonda Stakich, Amy Campbell and NLX.

## Three new exhibits opening at gallery

**ART** The Saint Mary's University Art Gallery is opening three new exhibitions of photo-based work tonight. Toronto's Susan Dobson is presenting her Temporary Architectures exhibit that will feature two bodies of work: Retail and Paint Pallettes. The art will be on display until Nov. 23, along with the Bar Beach (Beyond The Sea) exhibit by Australia's Andrew Chubb and Allan Chawner. A public reception goes tonight at 8 p.m.

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## In brief

**ENVIRONMENT** Clean Nova Scotia will be holding a concert tomorrow night in celebration of Waste Reduction Week at The Garrison Brewery beginning at 7 p.m. For more information, visit [songwave.ca](http://songwave.ca).

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## Cooper, Kravitz and Sloan grace Metro Centre this weekend

**MUSIC** Tickets are still available for two major concerts in Halifax this weekend.

Shock-rocker Alice Cooper is performing at the Halifax Metro Centre tonight at 8 p.m. with a few hundred tickets remaining in the

show from his Psycho-Drama tour. The show is a bowl-setting with Econoline Crush serving as the opener. Tickets cost \$55 each.

There are about 1,000 tickets remaining for rock

musician Lenny Kravitz and his show on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the Metro Centre. Kravitz is on tour promoting his new album It's Time For A Revolution, which includes the new singles Bring It On and I'll Be

Waiting.

Halifax's Sloan is Kravitz's opening act, with tickets costing \$62.50 and \$47.

This weekend's shows are the latest major musical acts playing at the Metro

Centre. The legendary Elton John sold-out back-to-back shows in late September, and last Sunday, country star Carrie Underwood played to a capacity crowd of about 8,000.

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**ARGYLE BAR AND GRILL:** Jazz night on Wednesday.  
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**BAY LANDING:** The Persuaders on Saturday, 354 Prospect Bay Rd.

**BEARLY'S:** Joe Fournier with The Roger Howse Band on Friday and Saturday, The Strangeboys on Saturday matinee, Brad Conrad on Sunday, 1269 Barrington St.

**BIG LEAGUES:** Asia and Nu Gruve on Friday. 4 Forest Hills.

**BOOMERS LOUNGE:** Ten Mile House on Sunday, 1725 Grafton St.

**BUBBLES MANSION:** DJ Savory on Friday. DJ No Luv on Saturday. 5287 Prince St.

**CELTIC CORNER:** Michael Forbes Band on Friday and Saturday. 69 Alderney Dr.

**CHEERS:** Sam Moon and Rick Gautreau matinee on Friday. Boys Next Door on Friday and Saturday, DJ Stickboy on Sunday. 1743 Grafton St.

**COACH'S PUB:** DJ Scott on Saturday. 552 Sackville Dr.

**DAVE DOLITTLES:** Karaoke on Friday and Saturday. 90 Tacoma Dr.

**THE DOME:** DJ Mike Clarke on Friday. DJ Dave "The Legend" MacIsaac and DJ Mike Clarke on Saturday. DJ Stickboy on Sunday. 1663 Argyle St.

**DUTCHIE'S PUB:** Jeff Bonang and friends on Sunday, 4 p.m. 3671 Dutch Village Rd.

**ECONOMY SHOE SHOP:** Ukele Virtuoso and Mike Conway and his Trio on Monday. 1661 Argyle St.

**FIFE AND DRUM:** Skully on Friday and Saturday, 1919 Upper Water St.

**FINBAR'S:** Reel East on Friday and Saturday. Sunnyside Mall.

**GINGER'S TAVERN:** Todd Michalik's album release party with Amelia Chester and Andy McDaniel on Saturday, 1662 Barrington St.

**GRAWOOD:** Bedouin Soundclash on Saturday, 6136 University Ave.

**GUS' PUB:** Mantasy, Something Delicious, No Flyers Please on Friday, Chris Martin with Troubleshooters, The Whiskey Kisses and Andrew J.H. Gillis matinee on Saturday, Fat Tooth, Fear, Facelift Dirtboys and Pounding Sand on Saturday, Lazy James Cody and Friends on Sunday matinee, The Pubcrawlers on Sunday, 2605 Agricola St.

**HALIFAX ALEHOUSE:** Soul Kitchen on Friday and Saturday, 1717 Brunswick St.

**HARBOURFRONT ROOM:** Bittersweet on Friday and

Saturday, Tony Quinn matinee on Saturday, Casino Nova Scotia.

**THE JOLLY MUG:** Sidekixx on Sunday. 15 Lakeland Rd.

**LION'S HEAD TAVERN:** Laurie the Guy on Friday and Saturday. 5833 Sullivan St.

**LOWER DECK:** Corey Tetford, Paul Lamb matinee on Friday, Paul Lamb matinee on Saturday, Pogey on Friday, Saturday, Signal Hill on Sunday, Historic Properties.

**MARQUEE CLUB:** Mike Trask and Mudhill with Blow Gasket Orchestra and Stanfields on Friday, Daniel Lanois with Brian Eno on Saturday, 2037 Gottingen St.

**MENZ BAR:** DJ Needles and DJ Bear on Friday and Saturday. 2182 Gottingen St.

**MY SON'S PLACE:** Open mic with Low Rider Band on Sunday. 223 Wyse Rd.

**NENAGH BAR AND GRILL:** Bruce MacKinnon on Saturday, 30 Farnham Gate.

**NICHE:** Mike Cowie's Waterbabies Jazz Quartet on Friday and Saturday. 1505 Barrington St.

**O'CARROLL'S:** Treo on Friday and Saturday. Roger Stone on Sunday. 1860 Upper Water St.

**OLD TRIANGLE:** Barry Williams on Friday and Saturday. Mike Forbes matinee on Saturday.



Lenny Kravitz is performing at the Halifax Metro Centre on Sunday with Sloan at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$62.50 and \$47.

Williams on Friday and Saturday. Mike Forbes matinee on Saturday.

**OUR FRIEND'S PUB:** Kitchen parties on Monday. John Snyder on Thursday. 19 Norm Newman Dr.

**THE PALACE:** Climax 4 with DJ Dion and Slyfox on Friday.

**NIGHTCLUB:** DJ on Sunday matinee. 14 Highfield Park Dr.

Rick on Sunday. 5136 Prince St.

**PARKSIDE PUB:** Parkside DJ on Friday, Last Call on Saturday, Leroy Bennett on Sunday matinee. 14 Highfield Park Dr.

**THE WHARF:** Jeff Goodspeed's Full House on Friday and Saturday, Jeff Goodspeed and Friends matinee on Sunday. 5075 George St.

**TRIBECA:** Famous Players on Friday. DJ Double A on Saturday, Old Wagon Whiskey on Sunday. 1588 Granville St.

**WHISKEY LOUNGE:** Open mid with Louisa and friends on Saturday, 27-29 Portland St.

**WINSTON'S:** DJ Delta Don on Friday, Kaypr on Saturday. 278 Lacewood Dr.



Bedouin Soundclash is performing on Saturday at Dalhousie University's Grawood at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

**PEDDLER'S PUB:** DJ Mathe-matrix on Friday and Saturday, Granville Mall.

**POGUE FADO:** The Saunders Brothers Show on Saturday, 1581 Barrington St.

**PORTER'S LAKE PUB:** Karaoke on Saturday. 5528 Highway 7.

**THE RED STAG:** Bob Lambert musical comedy on Saturday. 1496 Lower Water St.

**REFLECTIONS:** Jay Hamilton and guests on Friday, DJ Headphones on Saturday, 5184 Sackville St.

**RIVERSIDE PUB:** Sam Moon and Rick Gautreau on Saturday, 1552 Bedford Highway.

**RODEO LOUNGE:** Ryan Cook matinee on Friday, Mark Cameron on Friday and Saturday. 121 Ilsley Ave.

**THE SEAHORSE:** Babes For Breasts benefit concert for breast cancer featuring Ana Muira, Amanda Rheaume, Amy Campbell, Jess Clemons and Jessica Rhaye on Friday, Grand Harvest on Saturday, 1659 Argyle St.

**SNAUBAR:** Live entertainment on Friday and Saturday. 1535 Dresden Row.

**THE SPLIT CROW:** Barnacle on Friday and Saturday, Tristan and Andrew on Sunday. 1855 Granville St.

**STAYNER'S WHARF:** Jeff Goodspeed's Full House on Friday and Saturday, Jeff Goodspeed and Friends matinee on Sunday. 5075 George St.

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## galleries

**ARGYLE FINE ART:** Work by James Walker and Shaun Lowe through Sunday, Ed Beals and Kathy Seaboyer 1869 Upper Water St.

**ART 1274 HOLLIS:** Works by local artist. 1274 Hollis St.

**ART GALLERY OF NOVA SCOTIA:** Contemporaries, Tom Forrestall paintings, Nova Scotia folk art exhibition, female photography exhibition, Roots of Democracy, Various dates. 1723 Hollis St.

**ART-PORT GALLERY:** Works by 12 local artists. Robert Stanfield International Airport.

**CRAIG GALLERY:** Autumn Gold by the Dartmouth Visual Arts Society. Through Sunday. 10th annual Mosaic for Mental Halifax, through Oct. 26. Alderney Landing.

**DALHOUSIE ART GALLERY:** Ca-

role Conde and Karl Bev- eridge: Working Culture, through Nov. 23. 6101 University Ave.

**HYDROSTONE GALLERY:** Jaye Ouellette: Recent Paintings. 5519 Young St.

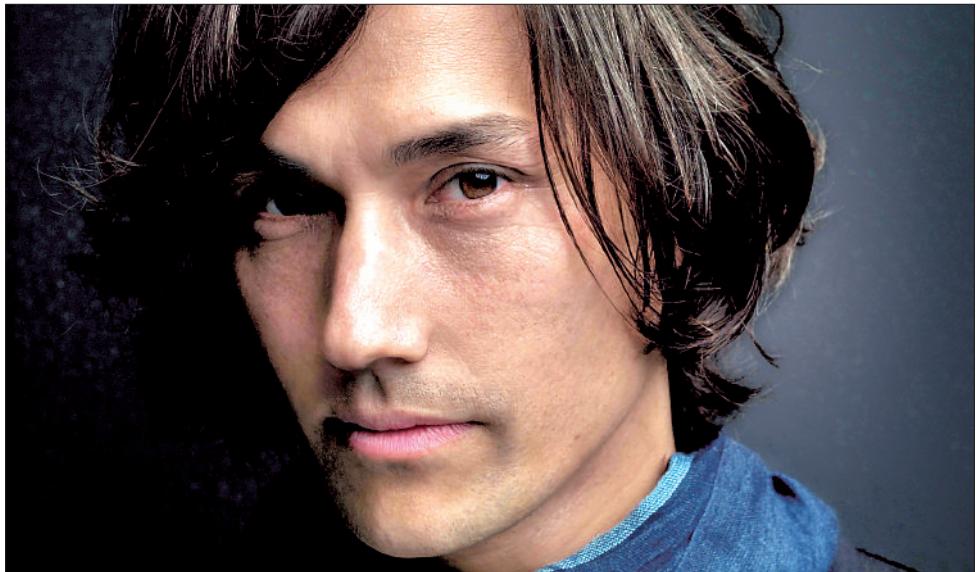
**MOUNT ST. VINCENT ART GALLERY:** Danish Modern: Suzanne Swannie Textil, Saturday through Nov. 23. 166 Bedford Hwy.

**PEDWAY PICTURE GALLERY:** New works by members of Creative Spirit East, Alderney Pedway, Dartmouth.

**SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY:** Susan Dobson, Allan Chawner and Andrew Chubb tonight through Nov. 23. 5865 Gorsebrook Ave.

**VEITH STREET GALLERY:** Works by Chris Jackson, Michael Seary and Mike McCarty, through Oct. 30. 3,115 Veith Street, Halifax.

**VIEWPOINT GALLERY:** Karen Nieuwland's Touchstones – Chapter One, Through



David Usher is performing at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium with Crash Parallel on Monday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 day of show.

Nov. 2, 1272 Barrington St.

**ZWICKER'S GALLERY:** Works by various regional artists. 5415 Doyle St.

## museums

**MARITIME MUSEUM OF THE ATLANTIC:** Halifax vs. Louis-

burg: The Final Siege. Through Nov. 2 1675 Lower Water St.

**MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY:** The Whole Tooth And Nothing But The Tooth. Tuesday through Jan. 18. 1747 Summer St.

**DISCOVERY CENTRE:** The LEGO show, Secrets Of The Pharaohs starting today and running through

Jan. 4, 1593 Barrington St. **PIER 21:** Various exhibits.

## theatre

1055 Marginal Rd.

**GRAFTON ST DINNER THEATRE:** Too Many Fish In The Sea. Begins today and runs through Jan. 18. Call 425-

1961 for reservations.

**HALIFAX FEAST DINNER THEATRE:** Cape Breton Idle III. Through November. 1505 Barrington St. Call 420-1840.

**NEPTUNE THEATRE:** Frost Nixon on Tuesday at 8 p.m., pay what you can performance. 1,593 Argyle St.

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**theatre**

**DALHOUSIE THEATRE:** The Witch Of Edmonton on Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the David MacMurray Studio Theatre, Dalhousie Arts Centre. Tickets \$12 and \$6, 6101 University Ave.

**events**

**CASINO NOVA SCOTIA:** Doc Walker on Friday and Saturday at the Schooner Showroom at 8 p.m. Tickets \$36.50. Phone 451-1221.

**HALIFAX METRO CENTRE:** Alice Cooper with Econoline Crush on Friday at 8 p.m. Tickets \$55 each. Thomas And Friends: Live On Stage on Saturday at 1 p.m. Tickets \$37.50, \$33.50 and \$29.50. Lenny Kravitz with Sloan on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$62.50 and \$47. Phone 451-1221.

**HALIFAX POP EXPLOSION:** The music festival features runs from Tuesday to next Saturday and features over 140 bands playing at 12 venues across the Halifax. Visit



Alice Cooper is returning to Halifax for a show at the Halifax Metro Centre tonight at 8 p.m. with Econoline Crush. Tickets are \$55.

[www.halifaxpopexplosion.com](http://www.halifaxpopexplosion.com) for complete details.

**NOCTURNE: ART AT NIGHT:** Features 28 galleries in Halifax and Dartmouth, plus more than 24 temporary public art installations and

performances. Event runs on Saturday from 6 p.m. to midnight. For more information, visit [www.nocturnehalifax.ca](http://www.nocturnehalifax.ca)

**REBECCA COHN AUDITORIUM:** Symphony Nova Scotia: A Salute to Ol' Blue Eyes on Friday at 7:30 p.m. Tick-

ets \$32 to \$47.50. David Usher with Crash Parallel on Monday at 8 p.m. Tickets \$30 in advance and \$35 day of show. Phone 494-3820.

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**movies&entertainment 33****Metro's 7th Heaven: What's hot right now****1 Feist on tour**

Canadian singer-songwriter Feist has embarked on her cross-Canada tour, from Penticton, B.C., to St. John's, N.L. She'll play 14 shows in the biggest venues of her career. The tour wraps on Nov. 10 in Charlottetown, P.E.I.

**2 Nicole Kidman**

Nicole Kidman has been named the most overpaid celebrity in Hollywood in the second annual list of least bankable stars by Forbes magazine. Kidman's films were estimated to only earn \$1 for every dollar she was paid.

**3 Adoption**

Actress Angelina Jolie, already mom to three adopted children, is thinking about adopting again, People.com report. Kudos to her — and anyone — who are looking to give any child a family and place to call home.

**4 7th Heaven: Season 7**

Season 7 of the TV show 7th Heaven will be released on DVD in North America on Nov. 11. The show is the longest running family drama in television history.

**5 Patricia Field**

Patricia Field, Sex and The City's top stylist, has launched her new collection at British high-street store Marks and Spencer, [femalefirst.co.uk](http://femalefirst.co.uk) reports.

**6 Ronaldo's clothing line**

Soccer player Cristiano Ronaldo has kicked off his own clothing line, and opened his own store in his hometown of Lisbon, Portugal. The store will sell man bags, diamond-encrusted belts, jeans with leather pockets and patent buckled loafers, [femalefirst.co.uk](http://femalefirst.co.uk) reports.

**7 Red wine**

Moderate red wine consumption may cut your risk of developing cataracts by 50 per cent, suggests a study that has been presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology.

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## Celebrity Buzz

# Pink stays happy by working out

**PEOPLE** Pink never worries about her figure, because the way she stays happy is through regular workouts, [femalefirst.co.uk](#) reports.

The singer admits comments in the press about her weight are sometimes "hurtful," and is exasperated with the press for being so nasty with their words.

"I'm the same as anybody else. I have days when I don't think I look so great, especially when I have all eyes on me," she tells Britain's *Cosmopolitan* magazine. "Not so long ago, there was a paparazzi picture of me walk-

ing my dogs with the headline, 'A chubby Pink walking her dogs.' You'd never go up to somebody in the street and tell them they're fat, so how can people get away with being so hurtful in print?"

But Pink laughs off the jibes, and hits the gym to cheer herself up.

"I had to laugh about it," she says. "There are more important things in life and I've learnt to be happy with my shape. For me working out is the best anti-depressant in the world."

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# Griffith named one of sexiest women

**POLL** Melanie Griffith, Lisa Bonet and *Swimming Pool* stars Charlotte Rampling and Ludivine Sagnier have been named among the 25 Sexiest Women of All Time in a new poll, [imdb.com](#) reports.

The quartet joins film icons Julie Christie, Raquel Welch, Sophia Loren, Catherine Deneuve, Brigitte Bardot and Ursula Andress, Nastassja Kinski, Faye Dunaway, Halle Berry, Jessica Alba, Karen Allen and latter day pin-ups Scarlett Johansson, Eva Green, Sienna Miller and Penelope Cruz on the *GQ* magazine hotlist.

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## Rutherford admits to Botox

**BEAUTY** Gossip Girl's Kelly Rutherford isn't afraid to admit she's had a little Botox — and she doesn't think other celebs should be shy about it, either, [People.com](#) reports.

The actress, 39, said she had Botox injected once before she got pregnant with her son.



Hermés. "I think it's beautiful that people are sharing," said Rutherford, noting that women should be honest about everything from childbirth to beauty secrets.

"We sit around at lunch and ask each other (questions), so why not say we had postpartum, giving birth is hell but the children are amazing — and I get Botox."

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## Duchovny separated for months

**PEOPLE** David Duchovny, who recently left rehab for sex addiction, and wife Téa Leoni released a statement Wednesday saying they have been separated for some time, [People.com](#) reports.

"In light of continuous speculation over the lives and marriage of Téa Leoni and David Duchovny, the couple has confirmed that they have in fact been separated for



several months," the statement says. "The couple had hoped to keep this separation private for the sake of their children."

Duchovny, 48, has been married to actress Leoni since 1997.

He recently told *People* magazine he never thought he'd be starting a second family with Baumgartner, but had to agree to have kids with her before she'd marry him.

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# City Votes.

Live Halifax election coverage Saturday at 7pm.

## Fame Thrower

### Joe O'Neill



Joe's take on celebrities

Looks like **David Duchovny** and **Téa Leoni** have added each other to their respective 'ex files,' as they've confirmed that they have been secretly separated for several months now. I guess secretly separating is the polar opposite of eloping.

The singer has hit out at the press since embarking on her own music career, admitting relentless comparisons to her older sister have made it difficult to step out of her shadow.

"There are a lot of things that people don't realize about the differences between Beyoncé and me," Solange says. "Our age difference, for one. Sure, we're tight now, but we weren't as close when we were kids."



### Costner is set for another baby

**PREGNANCY** Kevin Costner is set to become a dad again — his wife Christine Baumgartner is pregnant with the couple's second child, [imdb.com](#) reports.

The pair welcomed a son, Cayden Wyatt Costner, in May 2007. The actor has three grownup children from his first marriage to Cindy Silva.

Costner wed designer Baumgartner in September 2004.



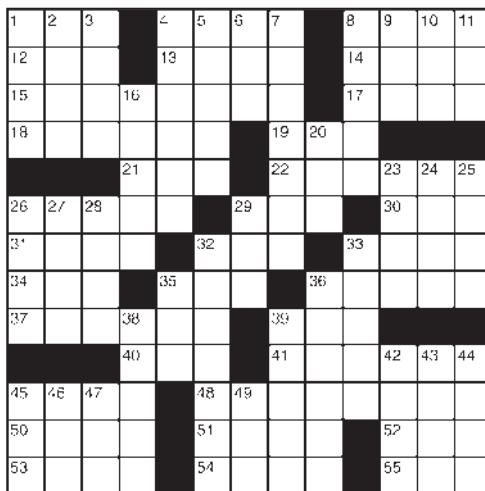
Coincidentally, just last week I was experiencing narcolepsy while trying to watch the movie *Spanglish*, in which Leoni plays a woman unhappily married to **Adam Sandler**. I think they split up, but Leoni's character was okay, so I'm not worried about her. As your celebrity observer, I advise you to go right back to either pretending you've never heard of her, or mixing her up with **Jenna Elfman**.

As for **Duchovny**, he'll just get more and more decrepit looking, but since he's not **Jean-Paul Belmondo** no one will find it interesting.

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## Crossword across

1 Rotation stat  
4 Squabbles  
8 Head light?  
12 Foreman's foe  
13 Black, in verse  
14 Smell  
15 Hot pepper  
17 November responsibility  
18 Tali  
19 Infinitesimal  
21 — de-France  
22 Heap  
26 Malt shop orders  
29 Favoring  
30 Tolstoy or Delibes  
31 String instruments  
32 Go up and down  
33 Founder

34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44

45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55

## Crossword down

1 Malay prince  
2 Blueprint  
3 "Got —?"  
4 Drives away  
5 Overweight  
6 Triumphed  
7 Spiel, often  
8 Hut  
9 Big bother  
10 Sodom evacuee  
11 Raw rock  
16 Wanted-poster info  
20 Listener  
23 Hodgepodge  
24 Hang  
25 Oxen's burden  
26 N. in a sentence  
27 Gumbo need

28 Transaction  
29 "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?" network  
32 Glass vessel used to create a vacuum  
33 Glitch  
35 Red or Black  
36 Melodic  
38 Incite  
39 Actress Barkin  
42 Glimpse  
43 Ceremony  
44 Membership  
45 Calendar abbr.  
46 Regret  
47 Man-mouse link  
49 — Dar'ya (Aral Sea feeder)

## PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



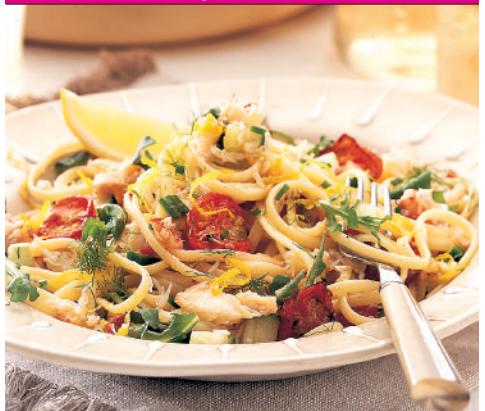
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13-17 min ..... Scholar

17-21 min ..... Smart

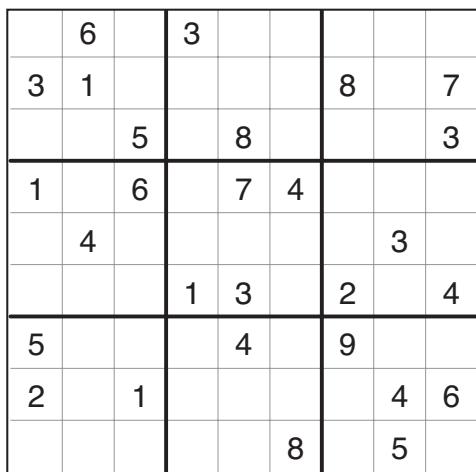
21-25 min ..... Not bad  
25+ min ..... Keep practising

## Recipe of the day



## Sudoku

**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



## Horoscopes

## ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20



Thrills come from a generous person. A makeshift plan needs support. A health problem isn't what it appeared to be.

## TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



Be gracious and show infinite patience. Search for a person with a lapsed conscience. A man's planned visit has risks.

## LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



An indifferent person knows that you have a secret. Going against nature will be dim-witted. You're planning to seek out a loner.

## SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



A friendship begins to affect your feelings. A new companion is deceptive. A crisis is necessary for you to carry out plans.

## GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



Be ready to commit to a neutral party. Someone tries to hold on to good sense. An associate will stop whining.

## SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



An emotional bond improves a situation. A secret love calls for caution. There'll be competition for healthy pleasures.

## CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



Intimate contact will give great joy. Strangers will find a mutual meeting ground. A worker gets an unfair tongue-lashing.

## CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



Keep your deepest feelings in a protected place. Everybody has a story to tell. A relationship is challenged by a misunderstanding.

## LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22



A dishonest institution needs better leadership. Mimic the spirit of an enthusiast to succeed. Be loyal to somebody struggling with a bad condition.

## AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



Your good mood will rub off on others. A doubtful person ridicules sentimentality. Avoid a sensitive topic.

## PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20



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OCT. 17, 1610: French king Louis XIII is crowned in Rheims.

OCT. 17, 1662: Charles II of England sells Dunkirk to France for 40,000 pounds.

OCT. 17, 1888: Thomas Edison files a patent for the Optical Phonograph (the first movie).

OCT. 17, 1917: First British bombing of Germany in World War I.

OCT. 17, 1931: Al Capone convicted of income tax evasion.

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